

Town of

FAIRLEE, VERMONT



ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

IN DEDICATION TO

Fairlee Water Department



*The Fairlee Water Department was established in 1946.
Along with water for homes and businesses, the water system would also incorporate fire hydrants
resulting in a dramatic reduction in the cost of insurance on dwellings.*

Of note:

*The Town purchased the Fairlee Aqueduct Co.
which was the water system in place at that time for \$9,500.
The estimate on construction of the new water system was within \$60,000.
17 different reservoir sites had been considered with the final location of Glen Falls Reservoir.*

Perley Colby was the first water department employee.



*Thanks to our current water department who keep the water flowing:
Water Commissioners – the Selectboard;
Town Hall staff – Tad Nunez, Lisa Hinsley, and Jennifer Garrow; and
Water Department crew – Lance Colby, Barry Larson, and Mike Wright.*

2022

Annual Report of the Officers of the Town of Fairlee (Orange County) PO Box 95 Fairlee, Vermont 05045



Chartered in 1761 • Population 988 as of 2020
Area 11,490 acres • Altitude 430 Feet • 72 09' W, 43 55'

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (WATER)

May 28, 1946

Meeting called to order by W. E. Chapman, Moderator at 6:00 P.M., E.S.T.

Warning read by the Town Clerk.

Committee mentioned that under the proposed new water system about 40 hydrants would be installed. Mr. Davis gave an outline of the proposed new system. It would extend north to Porter street south to below the school house then over to and by Lake Morey Inn and Rutledge Inn and up to Glen Falls Brook the proposed site of the new reservoir. It is planned to lay the new pipe line through the village first, the next extension would be by Rutledge Inn and the final one to Glen Falls Reservoir. Supplementary pumps will have to be installed at the Lake.

The new reservoir will be built last. The Commissioner announced that when the new water system is completed insurance rates on dwellings would be reduced about 56%, insurance rates on business places would be greatly reduced also. It was announced that the National Life Insurance Co. would loan money to the town at 3% and First National Corp. would loan at $1\frac{3}{4}\%$ or $1\frac{1}{2}\%$. The Whitcomb Construction Co. of Bellows Falls estimate on construction of the new water system was within the \$60,000 required. Mr. Peter Giuliani of Montpelier discussed bonds. Bonds for \$60,000, the amount needed for the development of the project, would mature in 20 years. The meeting was then open for discussion and questions of the voters.

During this time it was brought out that Mr. W. P. Lyle in behalf of Lake Morey Inn Corp. has offered to the town their own private water system, the Glen Falls Brook. The Girl Scouts will cooperate with the Lake Morey Inn Corp.

The purchase price of the Fairlee Aqueduct Co., the water system now in force was \$9500. Mr. James Davis said that during his work for the town 17 different reservoir sites had been considered. The Ballot Box was opened at 7:00 P.M., E.S.T.

135 ballots were cast. 113 voted yes. 21 voted no. 1 vote was cast in favor of Article 1.

Ballot Box was closed at 8:00 P.M., E.S.T. Meeting adjourned.

Attest: ANNA S. TITUS

Town Clerk

Town of Fairlee Services & Office Hours

Visit us on the Web at: www.fairleevt.gov

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

(Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am – 3:30 pm; Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm or by appointment)

TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 802-333-4363

Town Clerk EXT. 1
Town Administrator/Selectboard Office EXT. 2
Zoning Office EXT. 3
Treasurer EXT. 4
Listers' Office EXT. 5
Delinquent Tax Collector EXT. 7
Town Fax 802-333-9214
Samuel Morey Elementary School 802-333-9755
Rivendell Academy 603-353-4321
Rivendell District Office 603-353-2170
Town Beach 802-333-9416

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER..... DIAL 911

NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Upper Valley Ambulance 802-333-4043
Health Officer 802-333-4363 EXT. 3
Animal Control Officer 802-333-9018
Local Police 802-333-4363 EXT. 6
Vermont State Police 802-241-5000

FAIRLEE TRASH & RECYCLING (including Metal and Brush Dump)

For Fairlee Residents & Taxpayers only
Dump Pass required (purchase from the Town Clerk for \$10.00)
Saturdays 8:30 am to 11:30 am at the Transfer Station located on Dump Road off of US Route 5 South
For Transfer Station/E-Waste information: see Fairlee Town Website www.fairleevt.gov

PUBLIC LIBRARY – Telephone 802-333-4716

Closed Sunday & Monday
Tuesday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wednesday 1:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday and Friday 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

POST OFFICE – Telephone 802-333-4305

Monday – Friday: Lobby: 7:30 am to 4:45 pm; Window: 9:00 am to 4:15 pm
Closed daily 11:00 am to 12:15 pm
Saturday: Lobby: 7:30 am to 12:00 pm; Window: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

SEASONAL RESIDENTIAL WATER turned on by May 15, 2023 and turned off after October 15, 2023

SELECTBOARD MEETING – Monday evenings at 6:00 pm

See the town website: www.fairleevt.gov for Selectboard Zoom meeting information.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – First Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING – Second and Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm as needed

FIREMEN'S MEETING – Regular Meeting – First Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm

Drill – Third Thursday at 6:00 pm

FAST SQUAD MEETING – as needed

*Agency and Community Organization Reports are available on the Fairlee website www.fairleevt.gov
and at the Town Clerk's Office.*

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Fairlee Town Officers – 2022/2023

Moderator (elected for one year term)	Bruce Taylor, Term Expires March 2023
Town Clerk (elected for three year term)	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Term Expires March 2024
Town Treasurer (elected for three year term)	Lisa Hinsley, Term Expires March 2023
Assistant Town Clerks (appointed by Town Clerk)	Barbara Lantery, Term Expires March 2023
Assistant Treasurers (appointed by Town Treasurer)	Jennifer Garrow, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Term Expires March 2023
Selectboard (elected for three year term)	Peter Berger, Chair, Term Expires March 2024 Lance Mills, Term Expires March 2025 Catherine McGrath, Term Expires March 2023
Town Administrator	Tad Nunez
Minutes Takers	Joanna Bligh, and Patricia Tompkins
First Constable (appointed by Selectboard for one year term)	Dan Ludwig, Term Expires March 2023
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (appointed by Selectboard for one year term)	Jason Bachus, Term Expires March 2023
Chief of Police (appointed by Selectboard for one year term)	Jason Bachus, Term Expires March 2023
Road Commissioners	Selectboard
Water Commissioners	Selectboard
Listers (elected for three year term)	Dan Ludwig, Term Expires March 2024 Noël Walker, Chair, Term Expires March 2025 Russell Collins, Term Expires March 2023
Auditors (elected for three year term)	Sandra Smith-Ordway, Chair, Term Expires March 2023 Jane Chambers, Term Expires 2024 Vacant, Term Expires March 2025
Budget Committee (elected for three year term)	Dan Ludwig Term Expires March 2024 Richard Kenney (appointed in 2022 until town meeting), Term Expires March 2025 Elizabeth Wilson, Chair, Term Expires March 2023 Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Budget Committee Clerk
Fairlee Planning Commission (elected for four year term)	Susanne Pacilio, Term Expires March 2025 E. Smith Reed, Term Expires March 2025 Miranda Clemson, Term Expires March 2024 Timothy Danen, Term Expires March 2023 Sarah Berger, Vice Chair, Term Expires March 2024 Robert Chapin, Chair, Term Expires March 2024 Jane Chambers, Term Expires March 2026
Zoning Administrator	Chris Brimmer
Development Review Board (appointed by Selectboard for three year term)	Nancy Anderson, Term Expires March 2024 William Dunnack, Term Expires March 2024 Robert Wertheimer, Term Expires March 2025 Timothy Danen, Vice Chair, Term Expires March 2023 David Fracht, Chair, Term Expires March 2023 Anthony Gahagan (Alternate, one year term), Term Expires March 2023 Gary Gardner (Alternate, one year term), Term Expires March 2023

Town Officers – continued

Cemetery Commissioners (elected for five year term)	Charles Hinsley, Chair, Term Expires March 2026 Lawrence Farnham, Term Expires March 2027 Robert Edmands, Term Expires March 2023 Eric Sleeper, Term Expires March 2024 Lance Mills, Term Expires March 2025
Grand Jurors (appointed position)	Clyde Blake II, Term Expires March 2023 William Dunnack, Jr., Term Expires March 2023
Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits (appointed position)	Vacant, Term Expires March 2023
Town Agent to Transfer Real Estate	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig
Trustees of Public Library (elected for five year term).....	Charlotte Williams, Term Expires March 2026 Cyrie Lange, Chair, Term Expires March 2027 Joy Weale, Term Expires March 2023 Jennifer Johnson, Term Expires March 2024 Stacey Dunham, Term Expires March 2025
Recreation Council Board (elected for three year term).....	Vacant, Term Expires March 2025 Meghann Brough Bourn, Term Expires March 2023 Cameron Buster, Term Expires March 2024 Vacant, Term Expires March 2024 Vacant, Term Expires March 2024
Animal Control Officer	Dan Ludwig
Emergency Management Coordinator	Peter Berger
Fence Viewers	Larry Martin, Vacant
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood.....	Clyde Blake II
Weigher of Coal	Clyde Blake II
Pound Keeper.....	Upper Valley Humane Society
Tree Warden	Larry Martin
Fire Department Chief	Kenneth Champagne
Forest Fire Warden	Eric Sleeper, Term Expires July 1, 2023
Forest Fire Warden's Key Man	Robert Maddock, Jr.
Town Service Agent	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Term Expires April 2023
Justices of the Peace.....	Peter Berger, Eric Brooks, Rita Temple Brooks, Timothy Danen, Calista Diane
Health Officer.....	Chris Brimmer, Term Expires December 31, 2024
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
Representative to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning	Peter Berger, Alternate Vacant
Representatives to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Trans Advisory Council	Tad Nunez, E. Smith Reed
Representative to Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District	Tad Nunez
Fairlee Representatives to Tri-Town Commission (appointed by Selectboard for one year term).....	Nancy Anderson, Peter Berger, Jason Knowles
Fairlee Historical Society.....	Donald Weaver, President; Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Vice President/Curator James McDade, Asst. Curator; Noël Walker, Secretary; Jennifer Garrow, Treasurer
Forest Board.....	Dan Ludwig, Chair; Reginald Cramer III, James O'Donnell, Mitchell Phelps, Lauren Ludwig

Town Officers – continued

E911 Coordinator	Noël Walker
Assistant Judges of Orange County Court	Joyce McKeeman, Laurel Mackin
Orange District Probate Court, 5 Court Street, Chelsea, VT 05038	Kathryn Kennedy, Judge; Jill Boone, Registrar
Senator from Orange-2 District	Mark MacDonald
Representative to General Assembly	Monique Priestley
Lake Morey Protective Association Officers	Laura Tucker, President; E. Smith Reed, Vice-President; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Ginny Reed, Secretary
Lake Morey Commission Members (appointed by Selectboard for a one year term)	Donald Weaver, Co-Chair; Greg Allen, Co-Chair; Bruce Durgin, Mark Richardson, Byron Stone
Representative to Green Mountain Economic Development Corp.	Peter Berger
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.	Representative: Richard Senn; Interim Executive Director: Eva Chapman
Connecticut Joint Rivers Commission	Vacant
Green-Up Day Coordinator	Peter Berger
Fairlee Scholarship Committee	Jane Chambers, Lisa Hinsley, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig



Old pump house, mid 1970s – Ray “Junior” Coffin

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Fairlee, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fairlee Town Hall in the said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator, for one year

Article 2. To hear and act upon the Town Officers' Reports.

Article 3. To elect all necessary officers of the Town and to fill terms of any office that may be vacant, including:

Selectboard Member, for three years
Town Treasurer, for three years
Lister, for three years
Auditor, for two years
Auditor, for three years
Budget Committee Member, for two years
Budget Committee Member, for three years
Planning Commission Member, for four years
Cemetery Commissioner, for five years
Library Trustee, for five years
Recreation Council Member, for one year
Recreation Council Member, for one year
Recreation Council Member, for two years
Recreation Council Member, for three years

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following appropriations. All sums have been included in the Town Budget. A sum not to exceed:

- a) Five Hundred dollars (**\$500**) to the **American Red Cross** for disaster support (CO)
- b) Three Hundred dollars (**\$300**) to **Capstone Community Action** for fuel, food, and housing assistance to families (CO)
- c) Four Hundred dollars (**\$400**) to **Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.** for adult education and literacy instruction for residents of Fairlee (CO)
- d) Six Hundred dollars (**\$600**) to **Central Vermont Council on Aging** for senior services including a helpline, transportation, and meal delivery (CO)
- e) One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five dollars (**\$1,545**) to **Clara Martin Center** for counseling services (CO)
- f) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$250**) to **Cohase Chamber of Commerce** for membership (CO)
- g) Fifty dollars (**\$50**) to **Green Up Vermont** (CO)
- h) Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$5,250**) to the **Lake Fairlee Association** for milfoil eradication program (CO)
- i) Two Thousand dollars (**\$2,000**) to **Little Rivers Health Care** for insurance and medical assistance including mobile dental van (CO)
- j) Five Hundred dollars (**\$500**) to the **Mentoring Project** for young persons (CO)
- k) Three Hundred fifty dollars (**\$350**) to the **Orange County Restorative Justice Center** a cost-effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders (CO)
- l) Three Thousand dollars (**\$3,000**) to the **Orange East Senior Center** for providing meal and social services at the center (CO)

- m) Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$750**) to the **Rivendell Recreation Association** to provide elementary sports and recreational activities (CO)
- n) Four Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$450**) to the **Rivendell Trails Association** for trail maintenance, hikes, and education (CO)
- o) Seven Hundred dollars (**\$700**) to **Safeline** for a hotline for crisis support and referral services (CO)
- p) Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) to **Tri-Valley Transit** for transportation of seniors, persons with disabilities and commuters (CO)
- q) Three Hundred dollars (**\$300**) to the **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** for services including rehabilitation, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, social networking, and statewide transportation (CO)
- r) One Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (**\$155**) to the **Vermont Center for Independent Living** to help Vermonters with disabilities by providing the Meals on Wheels Program, Peer Advocacy Counseling Program and information and referral services (CO)
- s) One Hundred dollars (**\$100**) to **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force** to support Rural Fire Protection Program (CO)
- t) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (**\$250**) for the **Vermont Family Network** for providing support to all Vermont families of children with special needs (CO)
- u) Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars (**\$5,500**) to the **Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH/Hospice of the Upper Valley** for home health care and hospice support services to individuals and their families (CO)
- v) Four Hundred Dollars (**\$400**) to **WISE**, an organization dedicated to supporting people and communities impacted by domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking (CO)
- w) Two Hundred dollars (**\$200**) to **Orange County Parent Child Center** helps families with young children through advocacy, support, wellness opportunities (CO)

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee authorize the Selectboard to accept and administer any Federal, State, or private grant money?

Article 6. To act upon the Recommendations of the Budget Committee as they pertain to Highway Expenses and to appropriate a sum of money for Highway Expenses.

Article 7. To raise such sum of money as may appear necessary for the Maintenance and Improvements of the Town Highways for the ensuing year, and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2023 and shall be due and payable on or before October 2, 2023. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee appropriate the following sums to undertake and save for capital improvements within the Town in accordance with the Capital Budget and Program adopted by the Selectboard? All sums have been included in the Town Budget. A sum not to exceed:

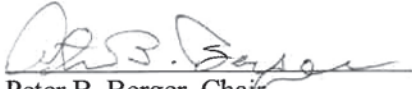
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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| a) Town Buildings and Lands Reserve | \$ 96,573.00 |
| b) Emergency Equipment Reserves | \$ 20,000.00 |
| c) Town Highway Reserve | \$130,000.00 |
| d) Lake Reserve | \$ 28,500.00 |

Article 9. To act upon the recommendations of the Budget Committee as they pertain to Town Expenditures and to appropriate a sum of money for Town Expenses.

Article 10. To raise such sum of money as may appear necessary for Town Expenses and Indebtedness for the ensuing year and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer per 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2023 and shall be due and payable on or before October 2, 2023. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.

Article 11. To transact any other proper Town business that may come before this meeting.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Fairlee duly called, noticed and held on January 30, 2023.


Peter B. Berger, Chair


Catherine H. McGrath


Lance V. Mills

Recorded before posting, January 30, 2023


Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk

Town Meeting 2023 will be in-person.

We will have **NO** Australian Ballot voting.

Town Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7th
starting at 10am

in the Auditorium of the Town Hall

You must be present to vote.

Please bring this report to town meeting.

2022 Report from the Fairlee Selectboard

This Selectboard expects to see significant changes for the Town of Fairlee in 2023. Our report will highlight what we believe to be the best preparation and response to the resulting challenges and opportunities for the Town. During the three-month process to develop and address a budget for the Town, **the Selectboard valued the increased participation by the residents and taxpayers** as we discussed the 2023 budget. In the upcoming year, as we look to the overall trends in the economy and the needs of Fairlee, **we will make it a priority to improve and increase our communication and collaboration with the goal to be supporting more citizen participation.**

Over the past year **Fairlee was recognized as a leader by the State in planning** and growing the Village Downtown. As with any process these development changes seemed slow to materialize. It required the progressive vision that Fairlee has developed over the years. Our hope is that with the available funding from **State and Federal sources, we will continue to provide significant opportunities for the Town.** This will require us to make choices. It simply isn't feasible to pursue all the available opportunities. We feel it would be wise to **seek those that enhance our efforts to reduce the overall budget.**

As we look forward to 2023 a few of the Board's goals and objectives are:

- Develop a plan to address the need for increased Volunteers on the Community Boards
- Continue to develop a strategic Public Safety Plan
- Bring the Interim changes of the Town's **Unified Development Bylaws** developed by the Planning Commission **to a vote**
- Create the collaboration with the Community on addressing a strategic growth Plan
- Continue the work with the State to **address and protect all the Community's Natural Resources**

- **Work with Private Partners** on developing methods for continued growth and adding **Additional Housing** in the Village Center

Town Governance and Volunteers

The Town will see changes in the Town Hall over the next year with the expected retirement of Tad Nunez this Summer. **His presence as Administrator for the Town Hall has provided a needed stabilizing effect** on that position. He will be **a difficult member of the staff to replace.** Our hope is that he will continue in the background to monitor the **vast number of projects we've initiated under his time in Fairlee.** The Board continues to discuss **the need to create a sustainable future for Town.**

It should be acknowledged that as the State changes and grows, **it is necessary for the Town to adapt.** Fairlee's governance over the years **has been based on the support of its residents to serve** on the many volunteer boards. The make-up of many, the Planning Commission, the Recreation Council, the Development Review Board, and the Fire Department need to be addressed as the culture of volunteerism changes. This Board feels that a goal of initiating an **educational process of how volunteerism supports the community** with the result of having more citizens involved in this process. Attaining **this goal of citizen involvement should be an indicator of the well-being and overall health of our community.**

Police

Our Police Department will see **a significant change this year with the announcement by Chief Jason Bachus of his retirement effective April 1st.** Over the past years the Town has been served effectively by the Chief. This initiated several conversations on how to define the landscape of Fairlee's Police Department. We feel fortunate to have the Department transition to Wayne Briggs who over the past year has been the officer patrolling Fairlee for the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. This change **allows us to phase out the current methods that**

provide the Town with public safety. This change with Officer Briggs will **allow us 30 hours of coverage with only a small increase in the Police Department budget for 2023.**

ARPA

This program continues to have implications for Fairlee. The Town has until 2024 to allocate the roughly \$292,000. We have reached out to the public with a survey and have provided these results on the Town website. **We have initiated two projects from the Better Connections Grant** that will take place along the East side of the Route 5 corridor. The other will provide much requested sidewalks and crosswalks along the Route 5 corridor from Bridge Street to the Railroad station. **We also expect** to see more projects from **the Better Connections grant process will continue to provide solutions** to the community in ways that resolve issues addressed by that study.

Town Buildings

The Selectboard **continues to place a priority on enhancing the infrastructure of the Town.** The Town's infrastructure needs continue to be addressed in the 2023 budget. One method the Board has discussed are ways to help access the money available from the State. These monies have the potential to help **address revitalizing our town structures with less cost to the taxpayers.** These dollars could be available in the form of grants which **could help Fairlee maintain these structures.** This will be one of the decisions to be addressed this year. The best opportunity will be to leverage funds we have while we realize these needs in the Town Hall, the Railroad station, the Emergency Services building and the Library.

In Closing

I am confident to say that because of the **dedicated efforts by our Staff and Boards, we continue to see healthy changes in our Village.** We expect more strong economic growth in the Town and Village Center. **We ask for your support by approving the 2023 budget** and the efforts being made to improve the quality of life in Fairlee. The Selectboard continues to be grateful to the Elected Officers, the Committees, Boards and the many other volunteers that continue to give many hours in support of Fairlee.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Berger, Chair
Lance Mills, Vice Chair
Cathy McGrath



*Fairlee Selectboard and Water Commissioners
Left to right: Lance Mills, Cathy McGrath, and Peter Berger*

**Town of Fairlee Selectboard
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
about
TOWN MEETING BALLOT VOTE**

**Meeting Minutes
FINAL**

Town of Fairlee Town Hall 75 Town Common Road Fairlee, VT 05045

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2022

REFERENCE: 2022 Town Meeting Informational Presentation can be found on www.fairleevt.org

CALL TO ORDER: Peter Berger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

PRESENT

Selectboard Members: Peter Berger, Chair; Cathy McGrath, Vice Chair; and Lance Mills.

Town Administrator: Tad Nunez

Treasurer: Lisa Hinsley

Lister: Noël Walker

Minutes Taker: Patty Tompkins

VISITORS: On-call and ZOOM

Curran, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Arlene Guest, Bernice Mills, Sandra Ordway, Jason Bachus, Hod Palmer, and Miranda Clemson

WELCOME

Cathy McGrath welcomed attendees, stated the purpose of the meeting, and started the informational PowerPoint presentation, also found on the Town of Fairlee's website. There were twenty-seven slides in the presentation.

DISCUSSIONS

The Selectboard and visitors discussed the following topics:

- Open Town Positions
- Staff Retention
- Police Budget, Coverage
- Capital Budget
- Phosphorus Levels in Lake Morey
- 4.98% Tax Increase

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Ballot Results

Official Ballot Results Annual Town Meeting • Fairlee, Vermont March 1, 2022

Total Registered Voters on the checklist	762
Total ballots cast	265
Total ballots cast absentee	248

Moderator for 1 year	
Bruce A. Taylor	250
Write Ins	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	15
Selectboard Member for 3 years	
Lance Mills	225
Write Ins	8
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	32
Lister for 3 years	
Noel Walker	238
Write Ins	4
Overvote	0
Undervotes	23
Auditor for 2 years	
Jane Chambers	228
Write Ins	1
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	36
Auditor for 3 years	
No candidate running	
Write Ins	16
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	249
Budget Committee Member for 3 years	
No candidate running	
Write Ins	20
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	245
Planning Commission Member for 2 years	
Miranda Clemson	223
Write In	5
Overvote	0
Undervotes	37

Planning Commission Member for 4 years	
Jane Chambers	217
Write Ins	3
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	45
Cemetery Commissioner for 5 years	
Larry Farnham	246
Write Ins	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	19
Library Trustee for 5 years	
Cyrie Lange	243
Write Ins	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	22
Recreation Council for 2 years (vote for 2)	
No candidates running	
Write Ins	27
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	503
Recreation Council for 3 years	
No candidate running	
Write Ins	13
Overvote	0
Undervotes	352
Article 2 General Fund	
Yes	182
No	75
Overvote	0
Undervotes	8

Article 3 Highway Fund	
Yes	206
No	46
Overvote	0
Undervotes	13
Article 4 Capital Budget	
Yes	193
No	65
Overvote	0
Undervotes	7
Article 5 Collect Taxes by Treasurer	
Yes	239
No	19
Overvote	0
Undervotes	7
Article 6 Property Taxes billed	
Yes	238
No	21
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	6
Article 7 Reduce Tri-Town Commission	
Yes	183
No	67
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	15

2022 Report from the Fairlee Board of Auditors

The two Auditors met a couple of times this year. The board has examined the accounts and financial statements of the Town of Fairlee for FY2022 in compliance with Title 24 Vermont Statutes.

In addition to yearly reviews by certified accountants and full audits every 3 years, we feel the town is served well.

As always, Georgette and Lisa play integral roles in the production and publication of this town report. We continue to observe what other towns are sending out for their town report and will begin to thoughtfully consider if changes should be made in this report.

Again this year, we ask you to consider where you may be able to serve your community. Volunteerism is what gets a lot of things done in our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Smith-Ordway

Jane Wilson Chambers

2022 Report from the Fairlee Budget Committee

The Fairlee Budget Committee attended Selectboard Meetings and warned the following Budget Committee meetings:

- November 7, 2022 @6:30pm – Budget Committee reviewed current status of 2022 data and preliminary planning for 2023 with the Selectboard
- November 21, 2022 @6:30pm – Budget Committee Chair sat in on a Selectboard review of all proposed budgets
- December 5, 2022 @5pm & 6:30pm – Budget Committee meeting with the Selectboard to review drafted 2023 budget
- January 5, 2023 @5:15pm – Budget Committee reviewed current 2023 budget draft and prepared for Annual Public Budget hearing



- January 9, 2023 @6:30pm – Annual Budget Hearing via an open Zoom meeting and in person attendance.
- January 16, 2023 @5:30pm & 6:30pm – Budget Committee meeting met prior to meeting with the Selectboard with 2023 recommendations

During these meetings, department budgets were reviewed. During the annual meeting, department representatives were asked to be on hand along with the Selectboard to answer questions taken via the floor and zoom. The committee also looks for any public input at any other meeting - all of which are duly warned.

Discussion primarily centered on the following topics:

- Level of the overall budget increase and general request that the budget be decreased. No one item stood out as a topic that would significantly reduce the overall budget. Thoughts included reducing public non-profit support, eliminating the UTV purchase, not having fireworks, and reducing staff hours or positions.
- There was strong support to leave the beach/life guard coverage.

The budget committee met with the Selectboard on January 16, 2023 in person to make recommendations for the proposed 2023 budget. The budget committee made the following recommendations and comments to the Select Board.

- That the Selectboard not increase the transfer station hours this year
- That the Selectboard remove the funding for the Town Forest Management Plan
- That the Selectboard consider removing the fireworks line item (it is paid for this year)
- The Budget Committee has concerns about the need for a bus shelter and the Septic System Grant. The Budget Committee is concerned that the Town may need to slow down on implementing grants

- That the Budget Committee supports the funding for a new Police Chief
- That the Budget Committee supports funding the Community Organizations Budget
- That the Budget Committee supports the moving ahead with the Town Transfer Station improvements that was budgeted in 2022.
- That the Budget Committee supports the Emergency Equipment purchase but that the town look for a grant and best possible pricing available.
- That the Budget committee applauds the breakout of the new Information Technology & Equipment budget but that more granularity in the line items would be appreciated.

The budget committee would like to thank the Selectboard and department heads for their deliberations when putting together the budget and their dedication to keeping the Town of Fairlee on a sound fiscal footing while insuring its continued prosperity. The committee reminds all community members that active participation in the financial wellbeing of the Town is everyone's responsibility. This involvement should be a year-round activity by attending the weekly Selectboard meetings. Notices of such can be located on the Town website.

The committee would also like to thank the Town's dedicated staff who keep the business of Town governance running smoothly during the pandemic.

The committee would also like to remind the tax payers that the Town portion of your tax bill represents a much smaller portion of the total tax bill. We encourage your active participation in the school budget process.

Please feel free to reach out to any budget committee member at any time as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Ludwig,
Elizabeth Wilson, Chair
Richard Kenney

2022 Report from the Fairlee Town Administrator

I am pleased to report the following activities of the Town Administrator's Office during the 2022 year:

- Completed the paving projects on Lake Morey and School Street.
- Completed the reconditioning and reconfiguring of the library parking lot.
- Continued to represent the Town on the Board of Supervisors of the Central VT Solid Waste Management District.
- Continued to represent the Town on the TRORC Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Secured Class 2 road grant \$134,964 for Lake Morey paving projects.
- Secured Green Up day grant \$400 from Central VT Solid Waste Management District.
- Secured Aquatic Nuisance Control grant \$15,196.00 for Lake Morey management.
- Secured Grants in Aid funds \$6,700 to replace/restore culverts on Avery Road.
- Secured Better Roads grant \$16,200 replace two culverts on Maurice Robert Memorial Highway.
- Secured VT Equipment Purchase grant \$6,430 to purchase a hay bale shredder.
- Assisted with the administration of setting the new water meter rates.
- Assisted in the administration of the development of the Wake Boat issues.
- Administered the UVM internship program.
- Administered the exterior lighting project at the fire station.
- Administered the town hall windows replacement in offices and Grange room.
- Administered the rental(s) of the Town Hall.
- Administered and completed of the Transfer Station study.
- Administered the Village District Wastewater project.
- Administered the Lake Morey Boat Greeter Program.
- Administered the seasonal activities of the Town Beach.
- Administered the installation of the new Town Hall generator project.
- Administered the activities of the Town Forest.
- Administered the completion of road reconditioning, bridge, and culvert projects.

- Administered the ECFiber project at the fire station.
- Administered the completion of the five year transfer station VT State Solid Waste Management Facility Certification.
- Started the VT Highway crosswalk and sidewalk project. Anticipated completion date Summer 2023.
- Started the VTrans Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation project completion date Fall 2023.

The above are just the highlights of the 2022 activities. I look forward to continually working with the Selectboard, Town Staff, all Boards/Committees/Commissions, and members of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad Nunez, Town Administrator

CUSTOMER WATER RATES MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS FAIRLEE, VERMONT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1980

Residential users:

All year-round households, including permanent houses, cottages, mobile homes, trailers and single apartments \$95.00 per year

Seasonal households

(May 15-October 15) \$74.00 per season

Commercial users:

Metered commercial users \$.75 per 1000 gal.
Unmetered commercial users (Rates individually set by Water Commissioners, based on estimated usage).

Basic Rate is \$5.00 per month per account.

Late Charge (after 40 days) is 5% per quarter on unpaid balance.

Connection Charges: One-time hook-up charge is \$250, payable in advance, if the user's location is on the same side of the road as the municipal water line. Extra charges will be assessed at cost for labor, equipment and materials to cross a road. Application must be filed at town office.

Turn-On/Shut-Off Charges: Charge for turning on or shutting off a seasonal user's water is \$15.00 for each occurrence. Seasonal users are requested not to turn their own water connection on or off.

New Construction: Construction of new water lines to bring water from an existing municipal line to the point of use will be billed at cost to the user. No private system may be interconnected with the municipal system unless it meets the same standards as the municipal system and all applicable state permits are secured. Also, a town-approved anti-backflow device must be installed. Failure to comply with this regulation will mean immediate disconnection at the user's cost.

2022 Report from the Fairlee Town Clerk

2022 seemed to be over in a blink of an eye and the Town Clerk's Office was so busy! The year began with budgets, compiling the town report and, due to the COVID precautions still in place, we once again sent out an Australian Ballot to every active registered voter for the Town Meeting Vote. Into spring we continued licensing dogs through the mail, which has worked out so well. It's much more convenient for our dog owners and we plan on continuing this process. Once May arrived, we were up and running to serve our summer residents. In July, the Primary Election cycle began. Ballots were not sent out directly to every voter as in 2020, so we received many requests for absentee/early ballots leading up to the Primary. In September, the General Election cycle began. In Vermont, General Election ballots are mailed out by the Secretary of State's Office. This came about due to COVID and is now the law. Voters no longer need to request a ballot. If your mailing address has changed it is very important to contact the Town Clerk's Office, so your ballot is not delayed, or returned. We had an amazing turn out for the General Election. We had 786 voters on the checklist, a total of 506 ballots were cast, of which 372 were by absentee ballot.

I want to take this time to give a heartfelt thank you to long time serving Justices of the Peace, Larry

Martin, Ann Walker, and Horace Palmer III. Working with each of these community service minded officials has been an honor and a privilege. I can't thank them enough for all their support and hard work through many election cycles and tax appeal hearings. They decided not to run for office again in 2022 to use their time for other interests and I wish them all the very best. I am very fortunate to be welcoming three new Justices of the Peace, Eric Brooks, Rita Temple Brooks, and Calista Diane. I am truly looking forward to working with each of them.

In closing, I thank my Assistant Barbara Lantery, all the Town Staff and Department Heads for their hard work and support this year. It's been a difficult couple of years for all of us and yet we continue to support one another and work hard for the common goal to serve the Town of Fairlee. A big welcome to our new Assistant Treasurer Jennifer Garrow. I am especially thankful for all our volunteers, they are a very important part of our little community. They make it a special place to live – "The Town under the Cliff".

Respectfully submitted:

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, CVC/MMC
Fairlee Town Clerk

The 2023 Dump/Beach Pass is now available for purchase at the Town Clerk's Office or by mail.

You can find the fill-in form on our website www.fairleevt.gov

Passes are \$10.00 Additional passes are \$5.00 each.

The Fairlee Rabies Clinic

will be on

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 5:30pm–6:30pm at the Fire Station.

Fairlee residents may also license their dogs at this time.

The deadline to license dogs is Monday, April 3, 2023.

Dog licenses can also be purchased through the mail with a valid rabies certificate.

Dog fees are: \$9.00 for spayed or neutered, \$13.00 for unsprayed or unneutered.

The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00am–3:30pm and Friday 10:00am–12:00noon.

If you are unable to come in during my regular business hours, please feel free to contact me and set up an appointment. I can be reached at the Town Clerk's Office 333-4363 ext. 1 or

by email at townclerk@fairleevt.gov.

Town Clerk's Report of Licenses Sold in 2022

LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED IN 2022

First Class Licenses

Avery Inns of VT/Lake Morey Country Club	115.00
Avery Inns of VT/Lake Morey Resort	115.00
Broken Heart Burgers	115.00
Leda's Pizza Restaurant	115.00
Samurai Soul Food	115.00

Second Class Licenses

Champlain Farms	70.00
Chapman's Store	70.00
Dollar General #15272	70.00
Applegreen NE LLC/Seven Eleven	70.00
Wing's Supermarket	140.00

Total	\$ 995.00
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DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 2022

161 Neutered Males /Spayed Females @ \$4.00	644.00
44 Males and Females @ \$8.00	352.00
Collected for State of VT 192 Licenses Sold @ \$5.00	1,025.00

Late Fees	2.00
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Total	\$ 2,023.00
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CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN 2022

17 Paid to Town – Licenses	170.00
17 Paid to Town – Fees	170.00
17 Collected for State of Vermont	850.00

Total	\$ 1,190.00
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Births Reported in 2022

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
Sawyer Stephenson	Male	October 7, 2022	Lebanon, NH	Andrew & Julia Stephenson
Colton Herbert Wood	Male	July 29, 2022	Lebanon, NH	Zachery H Wood & Nicole Ordway-Wood

Births are not listed unless reported to the Town Clerk

Civil Marriages Reported in 2022

<u>APPLICANT A</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>APPLICANT B</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
Michelle Lynn Davis	Concord, NH	Shawn Gregory Farnham	Concord, NH	February 12, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Jenna Jade Whitehill	Orford, NH	William Franklyn Bliss	Lebanon, NH	June 4, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Brenna Muriel DeVincentis	Boston, MA	Mark Zelik Zak	Boston, MA	June 25, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Shawn Joseph Brightly	Orford, NH	Evangeline M Hankinson	Orford, NH	June 26, 2022	South Ryegate, VT
Stephen Theodore Schreiber	Providence, RI	Sarah Madeline McGrath	Providence, RI	July 2, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Nicole Ordway	Fairlee, VT	Zachery Herbert Wood	Fairlee, VT	July 2, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Elizabeth Teresa Leduc	Chelmsford, MA	David Marshall Rainey	Chelmsford, MA	July 9, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Karampreet Kaur	Philadelphia, PA	David Alexander Wylie	Philadelphia, PA	July 16, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Julia Elizabeth Basile	Hollis, NH	Darren Jacob Brown	Hollis, NH	August 6, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Sarah Iman Johnson	E Bridgewater, MA	Chad Wallace Whitman	E Bridgewater, MA	August 27, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Jason David Wilmott	Arvada, CO	Erin Lee Sherwood	Arvada, CO	August 30, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Stuart Maxwell Dickison	New York, NY	Ariel Rebecca Matza	New York, NY	September 4, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Samantha Louise Sharkey	White River Junction, VT	Daniel Charles G Ordway	N Hartland, VT	September 10, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Melanie Christine Heddal	San Francisco, CA	Ross Paul Kelley	San Francisco, CA	September 10, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Courtney Audra Millette	Portsmouth, NH	Christopher T Pamboukes	Portsmouth, NH	September 10, 2022	Fairlee, VT
Bradley Stephen Garrow	West Fairlee, VT	Billie Jo Lee Begnoche	Newbury, VT	September 24, 2022	Thetford, VT
Allison Nicole Blakeley	Apex, NC	Andrew James Zgoda	Apex, NC	October 8, 2022	Fairlee, VT
James Edward Covey	Fairlee, VT	Karlene Marie Robinson	Fairlee, VT	October 15, 2022	Bradford, VT

Deaths Reported in 2022

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Robert Michael Thatcher	73	Fairlee, VT	January 20, 2022
Vivian Hooks Wortham	87	Fairlee, VT	February 14, 2022
Helen R Stickney	92	Penn Yan, NY	March 18, 2021
R George Pratt Jr	92	Lebanon, NH	April 4, 2022
Clyde Gail Gardner	80	Fairlee, VT	April 16, 2022
Keith Edgar Farnham	90	Fairlee, VT	May 29, 2022
Michael J O'Donnell	40	Lynnwood, WA	May 30, 2022
William P Kennedy	71	New York, NY	June 18, 2022
Billy Joe Pushee	37	Lebanon, NH	June 29, 2022
Glenn E (Babe) Ackerman	86	Lebanon, NH	July 14, 2022
Ryan James Doyle	34	Providence, RI	August 20, 2022
Mary E (Midge) McDade	79	Fairlee, VT	September 5, 2022
Ivy Marie Tabor	83	Lebanon, NH	September 11, 2022
Calvin W Claflin	90	Sebring, FL	October 16, 2022
Ryan David Wilcox	48	Fairlee, VT	December, 2022
Herbert James Hodge	94	Lebanon, NH	December 20, 2022
Edith Ackerman	93	Lebanon, NH	December 22, 2022
Walter Guernsey Frey III	94	Fairlee, VT	December 23, 2022

Burial Permits & Cremation Certificates Reported in 2022

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BURIAL</u>	<u>DATE OF BURIAL</u>
Stickney, Helen R	92	Penn Yan, NY	March 18, 2021	Fairlee Village Cemetery	June 11, 2022
Gardner, Clyde Gail	80	Fairlee, VT	April 16, 2022	Fairlee Village Cemetery	May 21, 2022
Ackerman, Glen Emery	86	Hanover, NH	July 14, 2022	Fairlee Village Cemetery	July 30, 2022
Sargent, Mark	60	Bradford, VT	February 27, 2021	Fairlee Village Cemetery	October 16, 2022

2022 Report from the Fairlee Town Treasurer

Another busy year in the Treasurer's office. Good news though, we were finally able to hire an assistant. Jennifer Garrow, who lives here in Fairlee, joined me in the Treasurer's office at the end of August 2022. We are very excited to have Jenn working here with us, she is a great addition to the team.

A few friendly reminders...

- **PLEASE** be sure to file your HS-122 (Homestead Declaration) form on time every year to avoid being assessed a penalty on your tax bill. If you file for an extension on your income taxes there is NO extension on the HS-122 form, the form must still be filed by April 15th. If you have any questions about how or when to file the HS-122 form please go to <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration> or to the Fairlee website, fairleevt.gov, under the Treasurer's page for more information.

- Don't forget...we accept credit cards and electronic checks. You can pay for most everything online, through the town's website. This feature continues to grow in popularity as it makes bill payment much more convenient. **PLEASE NOTE**, there is a processing fee associated with using a credit card or electronic check that will be passed on to you. It will show as a separate charge on your credit card statement or bank statement.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by and chat.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Hinsley, Treasurer
(802)333-4363ext.4
treasurer@fairleevt.gov



Current pump house

2022 Report from the Fairlee Board of Listers

The **2023 Town-Wide Reappraisal** began in the Fall of 2020. We amended and extended the reappraisal contract with VT Appraisal Co. to safely conduct inspections through the Pandemic of all Fairlee properties. VT Appraisal Co. will finish data collecting this Spring (2023) and Change of Appraisal booklets will be mailed in early summer to all property owners with the new town-wide property values. A public meeting will be scheduled in late Spring to review the reappraisal process and discuss general questions about the reappraisal. We appreciate and thank everyone who has already participated in a reappraisal inspection.

Properties that still need to be inspected, and those with zoning permits will be contacted for an appointment this Spring.

Fairlee's Preliminary 2023 CLA is 80.11% as compared to 89.32% for 2022. **The CLA will be recalculated at the completion of the reappraisal and prior to the issuance of tax bills.** The CLA or common level of appraisal is the ratio of actual sales to their listed values. The CLA of new sales during the pandemic has lowered the CLA as properties have been selling substantially higher than their listed values. The CLA is used by the VT Dept. of Taxes to equalize the Homestead and Non-Homestead Education Tax Rates to account for the differences in grand lists amongst towns in Vermont.

Again, please keep your contact information updated so town records are current. You can easily do this at the fairleevt.gov home page: "Update My Contact Information" on the lower right side or e-mail listers@fairleevt.gov or call 802-333-4363 ext.5.

For assistance or information concerning property assessments or the reappraisal, please call the Listers Office at 802-333-4363 ext.5 or e-mail listers@fairleevt.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Fairlee Board of Listers
Noël Walker
Dan Ludwig
Russell Collins

VT Homestead Declarations must be filed annually by all residents by April 15th even if you are filing an extension.

Please remind your tax preparer of this deadline.

Filing late or non-filing will result in a 3% to 8% penalty.

***Important: When filing please remember to indicate Rental/Business Use** as all Homestead and Housesite Values will be updated with the Reappraisal.

Form HS-122 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim and **Schedule HI-144** Household Income must be filed to receive a state property tax credit. It is imperative that the HI-144 is filed by April 15th for a state payment to be applied to an original tax bill.

You may file online. <http://tax.vermont.gov>



Clyde Blake, Sr., right, helps to load a pipe

FAIRLEE COMMUNITY ARTS

2022 Report

Fairlee Community Arts is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run by volunteers. Founded in December of 2018, the organization has presented dozens of arts events and has expended over \$75,000 on improvements to the town hall auditorium.

The Summer Concert Series remains FCA's flagship production and the 2022 summer season did not disappoint. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Denis Lambert in lining up great bands, the sound system support offered by Orford's Jim Beaulieu and the work of our stellar volunteers, another season of weekly outdoor concerts was enjoyed by all. This year we collaborated with the Orford Bandstand Committee in our publicity materials and hope to collaborate more in future.

Fall brought another successful collaboration with the Fairlee Recreation Council for the popular Fairlee Fall Fest.

In April of 2021 Fairlee Community Arts was awarded a grant from the Vermont Arts Council to install public art in the I-91 underpass. After a full year of negotiations with VTrans, owner of the underpass area, we finally have a contract to install two murals. Due to shifting guidance from VTrans on what was possible our patient artist Matt Heywood had to reimagine the work several times but we now anticipate installation in the summer of 2023. We are grateful for the tireless efforts of Cathy McGrath (Selectboard) and Matt Heywood for getting us to this point.

The 2022-2023 winter schedule has included several concerts. We have two award-winning movies coming in December and February: Martin Eden and Stranger In The Kingdom including question answer sessions with Director, Jay Craven in person.

If you (or someone you know) is interested in becoming involved with FCA, please send a message to contact@fairleearts.org. Nonprofit organizations always need people to help, whether it's ushering, baking, fundraising, or serving on the board of directors.

FCA would like to once again thank the Town of Fairlee for its partnership in using the town hall and common to present arts and community events.

Respectfully submitted,
FCA Board of Directors
Cami Buster
Miranda Clemson
Denis Lambert
Smith Reed
Kathy Rorison
Elizabeth Wilson

See our website for upcoming events: www.fairleearts.org

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Town Clerk's Report
The following business was transacted at the Special Town Meeting held in the Town Hall at Fairlee, Vermont on December 12, A. D. 1949.
Meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. by Frank E. Ward, Moderator.
Voted to recess for 15 minutes to allow for a larger attendance of voters.
Meeting again called to order by the Moderator at 8.15 P. M.
Warning was read by the Town Clerk.
The Report of the Special Water Committee was read by the Moderator.
Under Article 1. Voted to accept the report of the Special Committee on Survey of Water System as read and to discharge said Committee with thanks for their efficient service.
Under Article 2. Voted by ballot, Yes 60 No 15, to Bond the Town for a sum not to exceed \$25,000 for completing the Water System.
Under Article 3. Voted by ballot, Yes 55 No 13, to allow the installation of a pump house and intake on the Community Beach Property.
Voted to adjourn at 9:30 P. M.
Attest: ANNA S. TITUS, Town Clerk

2022 Report from the Fairlee Cemetery Commission

As was stated in last year’s report, “Once again, Bill Hodge and his crew kept the Village and Ely Cemeteries in beautiful shape!”

In the spring of 2022 we did encounter a water line that had broken feeding the Village Cemetery and was deemed unfixable and should be replaced.

To replace the line would be a very expensive project, and was not in the budget to tackle at that time.

We did purchase a 300 gallon plastic tank that we placed at the top of the road and will continue to use that again this year.

This year we will attempt to do some more restoration work and cleaning.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Farnham

2022 Report from the Fairlee Development Review Board

The Development Review Board is a five member, quasi-judicial board, appointed by the Select Board, which reviews subdivision and site-plan applications, considers applications for conditional use, waivers and variances from the Unified Zoning Regulations, and hears appeals from decisions made by the Administrative Officer. The Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month as needed. Meetings are open to the public and may be attended in person at the Grange Room or by Zoom video conference.

The Development Review Board met one time in 2022 to conduct a Site Plan Review hearing.

The chart below shows the number of DRB hearings from 2008 to 2022

The table below details the DRB hearings by type over the past 6 years

Hearing Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Variance, Waiver, Conditional Use	1	1	2	1	4	0
Site Plan Review	3	0	2	1	4	1
Subdivision	2	2	5	1	4	0
Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denial	0	0	0	0	0	0

The DRB looks forward to working cooperatively with landowners and developers to attain their goals while protecting the rights of abutters and observing the letter and spirit of State and Town regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Anderson
Tim Danen, Vice-Chair
Bill Dunnack,
David Fracht, Chair
Robert Werthheimer



2022 Report from the Fairlee Emergency Management

The Town of Fairlee utilizes its **Local Emergency Plan (LEMP)** as the framework for the Emergency Management team made up of the Emergency Management Director (EMD), the Emergency Coordinator, the Fairlee Fire Department, the Fairlee Police Department, the Water Department Operators, the FAST Squad **to help coordinate local natural and man-made emergency situations**. The LEMP is designed as the plan that allows for Fairlee's Emergency Management team **to respond quickly** to any emergency situation that might include mitigation, preparedness, response or recovery events. It incorporates the federally **recognized National Incident Management System (NIMS) for command and control of these events**.

For elders, or for people with certain disabilities, such events, if prolonged, can become life threatening if no one is available to help. The Vermont Adult Services Division created the web site CARE to help; many Vermont agencies have collaborated to provide means for emergency responders identify and aid in the event of a wide scale emergency. To access the CARE Vermont Gov site use this link <https://e911.vermont.gov/>

As the Town moved its web page to provide for more cybersecurity to a new address our hope is to provide the Community with more **resources that will help in these emergency situations**. Ready.Gov is a federal website that offers information, planning guides and resources to businesses and families for emergency preparedness planning. The Information on the site includes plans on how to prepare and plan for weather emergencies, including ice storms and snowstorms, floods etc. To access Ready.Gov visit: <https://www.ready.gov/>

Vermont Emergency Management VEM is a **state website that offers extensive information** on local emergencies, resources for families and businesses, as well as key information on how to prepare for emergencies. To access VT Emergency Management: <https://vem.vermont.gov/>.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Berger,

Fairlee Emergency Management Director

Lance Colby,

Fairlee Emergency Management Coordinator



Perley Colby, the first water department operator

2022 Report from the Fairlee Fast Squad

In 2022 the Fairlee Fast Squad responded to 50+ calls for service in the town of Fairlee. This number reflects medical calls within the town, and an increased EMS presence on Fire calls.

The squad enters the New Year with stable membership. We are in a position to welcome in new members who have previous, or no training to be able to serve on the Fast Squad. If you have no EMS training there are options available through the squad and the state to get people the required certifications.

We have continued to upgrade our equipment to meet changing EMS standards and protocols and to ensure that our squad can provide care at their appropriate training levels. We are also moving into 2023 focused on reviewing and enhancing our preparedness and skills to be able to assist and respond in our evolving Outdoor Recreation spaces.

The Fast Squad is thankful for the support we receive from the town and take great pride in being able to assist in your moments of need. If you ever think you need us, call 911. If you think a friend needs us, call 911. We are here to help serve the community and if you can think of a way we can do that, please don't hesitate to reach out to us on Facebook or to reach out to us at fastsquad@fairleevt.gov

Sincerely,
Ross Cannon
President
Fairlee Fast Squad

*Current Water Department, left to right:
Mike Wright, Jennifer Garrow, Lisa Hinsley,
Tad Nunez, Barry Larson, and Lance Colby*

2022 Report from the Fairlee Fire Department

The Fairlee Fire Department responded to 63 calls in 2022.

In November the fire department saw the retirement of long-time member Eric "Ric" Sleeper after 49 years of dedicated service to the town. Ric will remain the Forest Fire Warden for the town. Remember to call Ric or the Deputy Forest Fire Warden before burning outdoors to obtain a permit. Small campfires in a fire ring do not need permits, just common sense.

The Fairlee Fire department is looking for new members to join the department – there are many training opportunities available.

Please remember Smoke and CO detectors save lives – change the batteries twice a year and regularly test your devices.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Champagne, Fairlee Fire Chief



2022 Report from the Fairlee Town Forest Board

The Board would like to thank Terry Lewis for his many years of service and support of the Town forest. He will be missed and we wish him well.

The Board would also like to welcome Lauren Ludwig as the Board's newest member. Lauren has extensive hiking experience and is a new homeowner here in Fairlee.

The Board has been working to implement the recommendations in the trail report that was prepared in 2022 by Redstart Forestry. Access to some trails has been restricted and gates have and are being installed to restrict access in the Northwest corner of the forest where there has been damage to wetlands caused by inappropriate traffic. Gates have been installed to prevent traffic from crossing private land on the North side of the Forest. Water-barring projects have begun per recommendations in the trail report. To date, signage has been successful in controlling access to Knox Road and Bald Top Road during mud season. The trail report and map are available on the Town website.

The issue of invasive species is being addressed and a quote pursued to mitigate Buckthorn and Bittersweet on Bald Top. It is important to try to control these and other invasives that have a negative effect on the forest as they spread rapidly. Some minor changes are being recommended by our forester to the treatment schedule to reflect market conditions. The Forest Management Plan is also available on the Town website and is scheduled for renewal in 2028.

The Board strives to manage the Forest with an eye to wildlife habitat, water quality, traditional forest recreation and protection from development.

Respectfully submitted,

Reg Cramer

Dan Ludwig, Chair

Lauren Ludwig

Jim O'Donnell

Mitch Phelps



Beginning of tank demolition

2022 Report from the Fairlee Historical Society

The Historical Society's Organizational Meeting was held on September 12th. The first order of business was the election of officers for 2022/2023.

President – Don Weaver
Vice President – Georgette Wolf-Ludwig
Secretary – Noël Walker
Treasurer – Jennifer Garrow
Curator – Georgette Wolf-Ludwig
Asst. Curator – Vacant
Program Coordinator – Cathy McGrath

It should be noted that, prior to the meeting, Bonnie Colby resigned as Vice President and Asst. Curator and will be relocating. She will be long remembered for her outstanding efforts in reorganizing our files and artifacts after the renovation of the Town Hall had been completed. Jim McDade has recently agreed to take on the position of Asst. Curator.

Early this summer, the Town and Historical Society received a letter from John Larrabee accepting the conditions for his donating the 1792 Sam-

uel Morey Experimental Boiler that had been in his family for years. Unfortunately, the September event to recognize the donation had to be cancelled but will be rescheduled for 2023. Jason Thompson has volunteered to construct the cabinetry that will contain the boiler in the wall of the first floor of the Town Hall.

On the evening of June 15th, Bill Fitzhugh, a Fairlee resident and Archeologist with the Smithsonian Institution, presented the findings of his research into the early 1800's sheep farm once located in the town forest. Over 100 people attended.

In 2023, we hope to resurrect the Frank J. Barrett, Jr. Lecture Series. Also, we will undertake the reconditioning of the "Welcome To Fairlee" signs located along the entry roads into Town. And last, we will be investigating appropriate identifying signage to be mounted on the front of the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Weaver, President
Fairlee Historical Society



Water main replacements start on Route 5 south

2022 Report from the Lake Morey Commission

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Respectfully submitted,
Greg Allen



Demolition of the tank – September 2018



Lance Colby, Chief Operator



2022 Report from the Lake Morey Foundation

As a local, not-for-profit organization, the mission of the Lake Morey Foundation (LMF) is to raise, steward and provide funds for initiatives that support the enhancement and well-being of Lake Morey, its natural environment, and its surrounding community. Since its founding in 1984, LMF has supported programs and activities improving Lake Morey's water quality, preserving its watershed, and aiding local recreational and cultural opportunities.

Beginning in August of 2022, Lake Morey experienced an unprecedented, months-long, outbreak of cyanobacteria, impacting its waters with such magnitude and for such a duration that it infiltrated the entire water column. The extent of the algae bloom was unrivaled in scope with the entire lake area affected by its prolonged and insidious spread.

In order to facilitate a solution, LMF used its resources to help initiate the first step: a diagnostic feasibility study of one or more methodologies to control the cyanobacteria. As a result, the Town of Fairlee Selectboard, Lake Morey Commission, Lake Morey Protective Association (LMPA), Aloha Foundation, Lake Morey Resort, and Lake Morey Foundation are currently all working together to take the immediate steps necessary to secure completion of the feasibility study in order to implement a future state-approved mitigation plan.

Driven by its mission, LMF focuses its efforts on contributing to solutions that tackle Lake Morey's needs and other community opportunities as they arise. During 2022 LMF funded water testing equipment for the Lake Morey Commission, jointly supported the Lake Greeter Program in conjunction with the Town and the LMPA, and contributed to

Fairlee Community Arts programming. Additionally, LMF supported the initial phase of the feasibility study required for the Town to seek state support for cyanobacteria eradication – a critical endeavor benefiting all Fairlee residents, businesses, property owners and visitors who enjoy a healthy lake environment.

Over the years LMF has supported many projects to protect and maintain Lake Morey's viable watershed. Through the generosity of its donors, LMF has been able to partner with and fund local initiatives that benefit Lake Morey as our community's vital natural, recreational and economic resource.

As I complete my 6-year term as LMF President, I want to extend my appreciation to the Board and all of the LMF donors who have supported – and continue to support – the mission of our organization. I will continue to serve on the Board as we welcome Bob Wertheimer as President and Peter Massicott as VP. We want to give a special acknowledgement to Gary Brooks, former Board member and VP, whose decades advising LMF have been invaluable to our lake community.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Durgin on behalf of the LMF Board of Directors: Greg Allen, Patty Armstrong, Chris Baine, Shawn Byron, Ray Clark, Bruce Durgin, Peter Massicott, Susanne Pacilio, Vince Pisegna, Laura Tucker (LMPA ex officio), Noël Walker, Bob Wertheimer

The Lake Morey Foundation, Inc. PO Box 234, Fairlee, VT 05045 www.lakemoreyfoundation.org

2022 Report from the Lake Fairlee Association



The LFA has had another busy year. The following summary encapsulates our 2022 activities.

Lake and Watershed Action Plan (LWAP). Lake Fairlee has been selected as one of two Vermont lakes for funding to develop a Lake and Watershed Action Plan. Lisa Niccolai, Conservation Specialist at the White River Natural Resources Conservation District (WRNRCD), is working on the plan. We look forward to the final report in Spring 2023.

The Water Quality Action Committee (WQAC). Formed by the LFA and in its fifth year, this committee continues its work to understand the sources of high phosphate levels in the lake. The WQAC is working with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the Lake Champlain Committee (LCC), and the LaRosa Foundation to determine what steps can be taken to mitigate this ongoing problem. Due to the alarming nutrient enrichment trends, The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation gave Lake Fairlee a grade of “stressed”. WQAC will continue its involvement with the Lake and Watershed Action Plan, phosphate testing, and the implementation of Lake Wise ‘best practices’ around Lake Fairlee.

Lake Wise Program. Lake Wise is a voluntary program administered by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Its goal is to educate and encourage shoreline homeowners to increase their shoreline buffers by decreasing lakeside lawns and hard-scapes. Planting native flowers, shrubs, and trees near the shore, creates a buffer that filters and decreases runoff, mitigates erosion, and improves water quality and aquatic habitat. Lake Wise assessments by Lisa Niccoli have been completed on 37% of the lakeshore. These assessments have been conducted at numerous properties and three of the five summer camps. To date, one camp and eleven properties have been awarded the Lake Wise plaques for lake-friendly management, with more to come in 2023!

Milfoil. At the end of last summer, selected areas of Lake Fairlee were treated with the herbicide ProcelliCOR. Used in conjunction with dive teams and suction harvesting, ProcelliCOR will help us continue to combat milfoil and help create a healthier, better-balanced aquatic ecosystem. Due to contractor scheduling issues, Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) was not implemented in 2022. WQAC has interviewed three new DASH contractor candidates for 2023.

Wake Boats. Congruent with the LFA’s core purpose to preserve, protect and enhance the distinctive and natural resources of Lake Fairlee the LFA Board continues to support the work of the citizen group, Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes (RWVL). They have created and sent a petition to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to regulate wake boats on Vermont lakes and ponds. A rule to regulate wake boats is expected to be in place for the 2023 summer season. Wake boats are designed to create large wakes for surfing without the use of a tow rope. These boats add 2,000-5,000 lbs. of water into ballast tanks to create 2-4’ waves while plowing, bow up, through the water. These waves can create hazardous conditions for lake users: swimmers, paddlers, and

anglers. As these large waves hit the shore erosion is accelerated and loon nests can be threatened. The unique downward angle of the propeller wash can spread milfoil and stir up lake sediment, including phosphorus which increases the potential for algae blooms. Since wake boat ballast tanks cannot be fully emptied of water or visually inspected, they can import and export invasive species. More information about RWVL can be found on the LFA website, lakefairleevt.org.

The Greeter Program. The Greeter Program comprises the ‘first line of defense’ in maintaining the integrity of the Lake Fairlee watershed. Stationed at the boat ramp from May through mid-October, our greeters continue to provide an invaluable service to our lake and recreational users. Trained in a state-run program, greeters inspect all inbound and outbound watercraft for invasive plants and animals.

Treasure Island. The Town of Thetford created the Treasure Island Exploratory Committee in 2020. Comprised of community volunteers and chaired by an LFA board member, the Committee is focused on this valuable and much-loved local town beach and nature area. Working with Lake Wise, supported by an LWAP grant and funds from the Lake Fairlee association, the Committee is working to improve the health of Treasure Island’s extensive shoreline and inland property. During the year, the town-appointed Committee developed management plans for 1) recreational uses of the 12-acre property, 2) creating financial independence, and 3) preservation, protection, and education for the natural areas. The Selectboard recently allocated funds for a Stewardship plan for this important lakefront resource. Many thanks to the Ompompanoosuc Community Trust for their gift of a new lifeguard stand and a beautiful new Treasure Island sign.

The Lake Fairlee Association is grateful to the Town of Fairlee for supporting our work, “to preserve, protect and enhance the distinctive ecology and natural resources of Lake Fairlee and its watershed.” We all know what an asset Lake Fairlee is to our community. For further information on any of the above topics and more, please go to our website, lakefairleevt.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Babbott, Board Member

Lake Fairlee Association Board:
David Roth, President; Renee Snow, Vice President;
Lisa Johnson, Recording Clerk; Nick Harvey, Treasurer;
Vicki Smith, Co-Treasurer; Katherine Babbott,
David Forbes, David Matthews, Ben McLaughlin,
Ridge Satterthwaite, and Elizabeth Wilcox



2022 Report from the Lake Morey Protective Association

THE LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LMPA) WAS FOUNDED IN 1907, MAKING IT THE OLDEST LAKE ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE OF VERMONT. ON BEHALF OF IT'S 200+ MEMBERS, THE LMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CARRIES OUT A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF PRESERVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF LAKE MOREY AND ITS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF THE LAKE FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

2022 INITIATIVES:

2022 saw a resumption of activities in and around the lake that may have been absent during the pandemic years. Notable were the July 4 boat parade, the sailing regatta, the ice cream social at the Fairlee library, and the LMPA annual meeting hosted, once again, at the Lake Morey Resort followed by a cocktail party. But of critical importance, the LMPA has become more actively involved in working on issues that have threatened the health of the lake. With approximately 85% of the membership now registered for email communications, the LMPA has been able to communicate more directly and effectively with its membership to get critical information out in a timely manner. The LMPA worked closely with the Lake Morey Foundation, the Lake Morey Commission, and the Town of Fairlee to address the cyanobacteria bloom at the end of the summer. A feasibility study (to determine the proper course of treatment to address the cyanobacteria in the lake) is now underway, and the LMPA will continue to notify its membership as more information becomes available.

As mentioned at the annual meeting, Lake Morey is the recipient of a grant from the State of Vermont to participate in Vermont's Watershed Action Plan Initiative. The WAP is an investigation and data collection process that identifies the chief threats to lake health, water quality, and lake ecosystems. One of the methods of assessments is the LakeWise Program. The LMPA is encouraging as many property owners as possible to participate in this program which awards properties for instituting techniques that reduce erosion and improve the quality of water that moves across their property. There is no commitment to make any particular change, and no regulatory enforcement; the goal is merely to educate the homeowner on what changes can improve the habitat and the property owner will be provided with technical assistance if a change is desired. Please contact Bill Minard if you are interested in having your property assessed under the LakeWise Program.

Greeter and Adopt-A-Lake Programs: The LMPA supports the VT Greeter Program to educate lakeshore owners and boat operators about controlling the spread of invasive species in the lake. In 2022, the "Greeter Program" was supervised by Ann O'Hearn. Four part-time town employed greeters inspected over 1,100 watercraft this year. The program is administered by the Town of Fairlee. Funding for the program comes from LMPA, LMF, the Town of Fairlee and a grant from the State of Vermont. Many boats have previously been in Lake Champlain, the Connecticut River and other bodies of water affected by aquatic invasive species (AIS). With support from the Vermont DEC, Public Access Greeters educate lake visitors about invasive species, provide courtesy watercraft inspections, and STOP introductions.

The "Adopt-A-Lake" program encourages lake residents to participate in monitoring, pulling, and removing Eurasian Milfoil from the lake. Sue Minard has managed the Adopt-A-Lake Program for the past 6 years. For 2023, the Adopt-A-Lake and Greeter programs will be maintained and strengthened with the goal of preventing new invasive species from becoming established in Lake Morey.

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Lake Morey continues to enjoy an excellent and increasing relationship with the Vermont DEC, who has assisted in surveys, advanced measuring of nutrient, temp, total Nitrogen etc. on different lake visits. We are beginning to collaborate with Lake Fairlee on their results and programs.

LOONS: For the first time since recording loon activity on Lake Morey, a pair of loons nested at the north end of the lake. Unfortunately, the pair was unsuccessful in hatching any chicks. We are hopeful that the same pair will return in 2023 and try again. Volunteers and the Vermont Center for Ecotudies (VCE) placed warning signs requesting that boaters maintain a safe distance from the nest and will do so again if needed.

Directory and Annual Dues Statements: The LMPA publishes a bi-yearly directory which was last published in 2021. To be more environmentally conscious, we are encouraging our membership to register on our online directory platform, which is available on the LMPA website. We hope to gradually reduce the number of printed directories as more people take advantage of digital copies. We are also utilizing electronic communications platforms to send out notifications and updates. Most of our members have provided their email addresses in order to receive LMPA notices. We will continue to send dues statements out via email (with hard copies mailed, if requested or if an email address is missing).

In 2022, we introduced a digital payment option which many members took advantage of. However, it is somewhat cumbersome and needs to be more user friendly. We are currently working on an updated online payment platform. We hope to have the new system in place in time for next year's dues payments. In 2023, the LMPA will absorb any credit card fees for those members who choose to pay using this method.

Community Service Activities: This past year the LMPA reached out to the community to financially support Fairlee Community Arts, Upper Valley Rescue, and the Fairlee Library. We hosted an ice cream social with the library and collaborated with the library to sponsor the youth reading incentive program. Our librarian, Beth Reynolds expanded this program to include readers of all ages and she was pleased to report that 102 members recorded more than 100,000 minutes of reading. Competition and prizes made this event fun, and many are eagerly awaiting next year's event. As well, the LMPA co-sponsored an exciting magic show with the Fairlee and Bradford libraries.

As we begin our 117th year, our Lake Association will continue to keep a vigilant eye on both the needs of the Lake and the surrounding lands to ensure that we are a responsible and responsive local organization. We appreciate the support of our Town Administrator and the Fairlee Selectboard as we work together to see that Lake Morey continues to provide healthy recreation opportunities for all residents.

The LMPA's activities can be followed at: www.lakemorey.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Tucker, President
Lake Morey Protective Association
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2022 Report from the Fairlee Librarian

The writing of a Town Report is the perfect reason to take the time to reflect on all the happenings of the previous year. One theme that kept popping up for me was: GROW.

Some of our most popular Take and Make items were the seeds in the Spring and the daffodil bulbs for Fall planting. The Library also worked with Slow Food USA to receive several packets of beans. This prompted the creation of our new garden boxes, which provided us with a bountiful crop of beans, peppers and cherry tomatoes – all of which were offered to our community. (Shout out to Dan Ludwig for our beautiful garden boxes, to Tim Danen for donation of the soil, Richard Bibeau for transporting it, and to Liz Wilson for all of the help weeding and watering!)

The Library houses a collection of books, audios and DVDs in a physical format, but we also offer streaming through the Libby app thanks to our membership in the Green Mountain Library Consortium. We have expanded our services to include Kit Keeper, a system which provides book discussion sets to book groups, and we have signed on with the courier that delivers Interlibrary Loan items around the state. Since we joined this program our lending to other libraries has greatly increased and borrowing items from other libraries is a much more streamlined process.

This summer we worked with both Orford libraries, and the libraries in Bradford and Piermont to bring a vibrant and robust Summer Reading Program to our patrons. We hosted a storytime in one of our towns Tuesday–Friday as well as crafternoons, special presentations, and for the first time a program to include adults. Our other collaborations this year included working with Fairlee Arts and Fairlee Rec for Fall Fest and for the annual December tree lighting. And the teachers at Samuel Morey Elementary brought over their students to introduce them to all that we have to offer.

There was so much to celebrate this year. We had homemade pies for Pi day in March and art supplies available for Dot Days in September. In October we held our first ever Trunk or Treat, which was so much fun we instantly started brainstorming ideas to expand for next year. We hosted several craft events such as rock painting, collage making, and a how to make your own advent calendar. Our first ever Cookbook Swap was held in March and it was so popular we’re exploring other items that might work for a community exchange. Have an idea – let us know!

Of course our Friends group makes so much of this possible. This year they purchased a new rug and signage for Kids’ room, several books from the Who Was biography series, a Taproot magazine subscription and museum passes for the Fairbanks and VINS. Their Fourth of July book sale was so big we needed two tents to house all of the books. All of the proceeds from that sale are what make these special purchases for the library possible.

We also partnered with the Lake Morey Protective Association for our summer reading program this year. Their generosity enabled us to host an ice cream social and a fabulous summer finale. Their funds provided the purchase of many lawn games such as Croquet and Rollers which helped to make these fun events for the whole family. A special thank you to Gladstone’s Creamery for providing all of the delicious frozen treats for our ice cream social. Such delicious flavor choices and toppings made it an event to remember.

Our summer reading theme for 2023 is “All Together Now” and I’m looking forward to more collaborations and partnerships this summer. Working with these organizations has helped to make these events bigger than I could ever manage if we did it all alone.

Running a library is a cooperative effort. A big thank you to all those who donate time, money and energy to our cause. I want to thank Richard Noble, Hyla Maddalena, Paula Gray and most especially Charlotte Williams for all of the work that they do behind the scenes. All the shelving, book processing and every other little task and activity that’s asked of them. I am grateful for their energy and enthusiasm and all of the talents and skills they bring with them. A special thank you both to Peter Lange and Roger Williams for always answering my call when something needs to be looked at and possibly repaired. Their assistance and expertise is invaluable. And we wouldn’t be a library without our Board of Trustees. They work on the budget, assess what areas of the library need attention, oversee operations and volunteer so much of their time. I am so appreciative of all that they do.

This next year could be a very exciting one for the Library. In 2022 we received \$2,800.00 dollars from the Vermont Department of Libraries for bookcases, books, and summer programming. We also received \$5,000.00 in the form of a donation from the Center for Social Impact at Dartmouth College which will be used towards the future enhancement of the library.

More exciting still is that we recently learned that Vermont libraries have been awarded \$26.4 million dollars for renovation and construction. Our hope is to be able to apply for grants that help us bring some changes to the library to allow more private meeting space and a room for events and presentations. One more way that we’re hoping to grow our building, our services, and resources for our patrons and our community.

Every day someone comes to the Library to send a fax, use the copier for important paperwork or use the internet to apply for a job or an apartment. We host mentors with their young charges and foster families spending time with parents. Students come in needing a quiet space for zooming into class and small groups meet up at our library since it’s a perfect midway point to gather. In the summer people sit on our benches and have lunch on our picnic tables as they charge their phones and devices or use our WiFi. All of this is above and beyond the traditional offerings of books, audios and DVDs. We hope to continue to be here in whatever way you need us, at the very center of the community we’re creating.

Statistics	2020	2021	2022
Total Circulation	5046	7277	9745
Total Programs	45	47	63
Total Program Attendance	386	652	854
Total Visits	3644	4702	5591

Most Circulated Books of 2022~
Adult (tie) *Recovery Agent* by Janet Evanovich and *Dream Town* by David Baldacci both at 10 circs.
Children’s (3 way tie) *Berenstain Bears’ Storytime Collection* by The Berenstains, *This Book is Not for You and Pretty Perfect Kitty-Corn* both by Shannon Hale all at 10 circs apiece.

Most Circulated DVDs of 2022~
Adult (tie) *Mare of Easttown and Belfast*, both at 7 circs apiece.
Children’s (tie) *Spies in Disguise* and *Bad Guys*, both at 6 circs apiece.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Reynolds, Director

2022 Report from the Fairlee Public Library Trustees

The library trustees have been pleased this year to witness the gradual uptick in library usage since Covid precautions changed many of our habits. Ms. Beth has continued to make well thought out decisions regarding the library spaces and has enhanced many spaces with plants, art, furniture and small group seating. She has secured grants which allowed us to purchase bookcases and has rearranged books to make them easier to access. In an effort to make a quiet, more private work space, noise absorbing panels that are easily set up are now available. People use our library for a number of necessary personal matters when they don't have available WIFI. Job interviews, zoom doctor appointments and client contact all necessitate some privacy.

This year the trustees have continued to work with Ms. Reynolds and a small group of volunteers to consider possible upgrades to our building. This is a slow process and we are trying to access grants that we hope will become available. One of our first goals is to have a feasibility study of our library completed so that we know what can be done realistically. A completed feasibility study would also be helpful when grant money becomes available. Last year our furnace required work and this summer we were informed that our air conditioner would need replacement sometime soon. One improvement that would make a big difference is upgrading our heating, cooling and ventilation system. This is work we hope to acquire grants for in the near future.

Last spring we averted a septic system crisis which required having the septic pipes cleaned and the tank pumped. In the fall the town closed off and seeded the route 5 library entrance. The trustees had been increasingly concerned regarding the safety of the route 5 entrance. We also hoped to change the parking pattern to accommodate more parking. Having one vehicle entrance has improved the safety and perpendicular parking has created more spaces. Thank you to our patrons who have helped with this change.

Ms. Beth assumes many responsibilities as our town librarian. First, and most importantly, she is there to help us all with any library related materials we need. She does all the ordering for our building, from cleaning supplies, to equipment and books. She's forged a number of community relationships with many groups including the schools, Fairlee Arts and Friends of Fairlee Library. Beth communicates regularly with other librarians throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. She ran a very well received summer reading program, a book club, attends all trustee meetings, develops a budget with the trustees, completes numerous statistics and state reports, accesses grants, attends training and informational meetings online and creates a popular monthly craft for patrons. She also updates the website and writes the monthly newsletter. The trustees are impressed and very grateful for everything that Ms. Reynolds undertakes!

In addition to Beth's contributions, we would like to thank all the people who volunteer to make our library a vibrant town asset. Additionally, we appreciate the work Frank Godfrey has done on needed building repairs, Richard Bibeau for being a helpful garden weeder who never complained, Tad Nunez and the Fairlee Select board for supporting our efforts and the Friends of Fairlee Library who fundraise and support special requests. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,

Cyrie Lange, for the Library Board of Trustees
Charlotte Williams
Joy Weale
Jennifer Johnson
Stacey Dunham

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2022 Report from the Fairlee Planning Commission

Update on the Unified Interim Development Bylaw

On January 24, 2022, the Fairlee Selectboard adopted the ‘Unified Interim Development Bylaw’ which had been drafted by the Planning Commission during 2021. Unless it is adopted by way of a town vote, the interim bylaw language will sunset after two years. Given the significance of the changes, the commission felt it important to reach out to Fairlee residents and other stakeholders in an attempt to inform all interested parties of the changes made and why.

To this end the Commission held a 6-part, public information series laying out the changes to the bylaw. Sessions were promoted through post card, e-mail and the Fairlee Listserv. During the sessions we received a number of thoughtful questions and comments, and wish to thank all who participated. The sessions, which ran from March through August, can be viewed online at <https://fairleevt.gov/planning>. The commission also would like to thank board member Miranda Clemson, vice-chair Sarah Berger and Zoning Administrator Chris Brimmer who contributed substantially to the creation of these presentations.

On Cannabis

After the state legalized cannabis growing and sales in March, the Commission explored whether it might have a role to play in regulating cannabis businesses in town should the town vote to allow sales of cannabis within town limits. The short answer is

no. The state has retained sole jurisdiction over the growing of cannabis as it does with other agriculture-related enterprises. Similarly, state law prevents towns from regulating cannabis sellers differently than they would any other retail establishment.

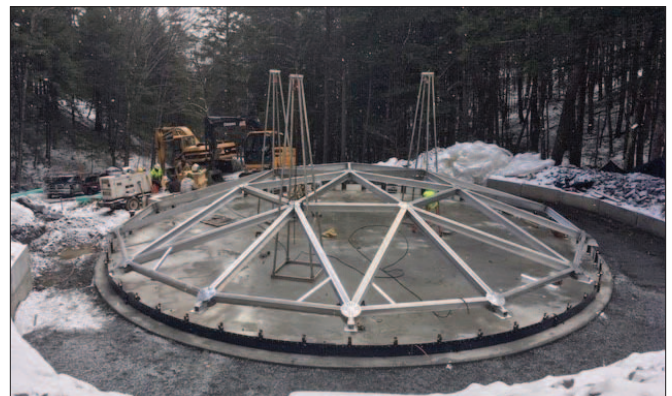
Concerns for the Health of Lake Morey

During the fall, the Commission turned its attention toward those portions of the Bylaw specific to the town’s Lake Morey lakeshore area. While the water quality of the lake has been a matter of concern for some time, the severe cyanobacteria bloom in late summer/early fall provided us with a special urgency. To address this issue, the Commission drafted significant changes to the Bylaw affecting properties in the Lake Morey lakefront area and properties to be used as short-term rentals. The draft changes are intended to limit development and short-term rental practices that would further stress the health of the lake. The changes have been passed along to the Selectboard for consideration, and a warned public hearing was scheduled for mid-December.

Respectfully submitted,
The Fairlee Planning Commission
Robert Chapin, Chair
Sarah Berger, Vice-Chair
Jane Chambers
Miranda Clemson
Tim Danen
Susanne Pacilio
E. Smith Reed



Dave Cappelletti, Tata & Howard Engineer Alliance Construction



Beginning stages of dome structure – December 2018

2022 Report from the Fairlee Police Department

**In 2022, 207 Police Officers were killed while serving their communities.
My thoughts and prayers go out to their families and their communities.
May they all Rest in Peace, knowing their sacrifice was not in vain,
but a sacrifice of their love for the communities they served.**

The Fairlee Police Department's mission remains to provide professional and compassionate police service through partnerships that build trust, reduce crime, create a safe environment, and enhance the quality of life in the Fairlee community. To fulfill that mission, an integral partnership with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, through contracted services, has been used to enhance this mission. The Vermont State Police also provide a role in this mission by being the dependable default services agency.

In 2022, a total of 550 calls for service occurred in Fairlee versus 466 in 2021 and 292 in 2020. This is a 1.7% increase from 2021 and 53% increase from 2020.

These calls included 105 incidents for the Fairlee PD, with the top five being: 48 motor vehicle stops, 12 agency assistance calls, 6 citizen assistance calls, 6 parking violations, and 4 suspicious person reports.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department responded to 140 incidents, with the top five being: 85 motor vehicle stops, 20 directed patrol activities, 6 suspicious person calls, 5 agency assistance calls, and 4 citizen assistance calls.

The Vermont State Police responded to a total of 295 incidents, with the top five being: 65 motor vehicle stops, 32 motor vehicle crashes, 31 alarms responses, 21 suspicious person reports, and 19 citizen assistance calls. Vermont Fish and Game responded to 10 incidents.

I have tendered my resignation as your Chief, effective NLT April 1, 2023. My duties and responsibilities to Orford and my family over the last year, as well as the growth and needs of the Town of Fairlee, have made me realize that it is time for the next evolutionary step for the department. My 2023 budget

incorporates having a more dedicated and invested position with the Police Chief, by bringing more hours to the position. The Vermont State Police will always be the default agency when there is no officer on for Fairlee PD, but bringing the full 30 hours under the "PD roof", will allow for much better and more effective Community Based Policing.

Finally, as announced previously, my last day as the Fairlee Police Chief will be no later than April 1, 2023. My part-time work for Fairlee no longer can meet the needs of this great community and the plan mentioned above will provide Fairlee with the most effective and efficient police services. It has been my honor and pleasure serving as your Police Chief for the last ten years. I will remain the Police Chief in Orford and through the Orford/Fairlee extended authority agreement will support and assist your new Chief.

As always, please keep your family's safety and security in mind at all times by locking and securing your homes, your businesses, and your vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason D. Bachus

Chief of Police, Fairlee Police Department

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MENTAL HEALTH: 988

**FAIRLEE POLICE DEPARTMENT:
802-333-4363, option 6**

**VERMONT STATE POLICE
NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER:
802-748-3111**

2022 Report from the Fairlee Recreation Council

We had lots of fun this year in 2022. We were able to get back to normal and out of masks.

We were able to provide swimming lessons and had lifeguard staffing at the beach. We had a party at the end of swimming lessons that included color your own beach ball, and treats.

We were happy to put on the Fairlee Fall Festival again this year. It was a great turnout and a lot of fun which included games, face painting, glitter tattoos, a DJ, dancing and food provided by Fairlee Community Arts and cooked/served by The Fairlee Fire Dept.

The 3rd Annual Pumpkin Glow event was held in October. People of all ages picked up pumpkins to carve. The pumpkins lit up the town on Halloween night. A huge thank you to Gladstone's for the donation of pumpkins for the event.

The council also published the community calendar. If you haven't already, stop by the Town Clerk's office or the Library to purchase your copy. If you are interested in advertising, or including your birthday or anniversary listings, please get in touch. And don't forget to support the local businesses who advertise in our calendar – without them, it would not be possible to publish.

Last but not least, we ended the 2022 year with a Holiday event and Tree Lighting on December 2. Santa and Mrs. Claus were brought to the common by Fairlee Fire truck. Two Reindeer from the Vermont Reindeer farm joined us too, along with activities and cookies on the common. The 8th grade Rivendell class joined us and had a bake sale and Chapman's had hot cocoa! The event was enjoyed by all.

We are hoping to get more volunteers to join the Recreation Council. Please reach out if interested.

Sincerely,

Meghann Brough Bourn
Fairlee Recreation Council

2022 Report from the Fairlee Scholarship Committee

The Fairlee Scholarship Committee is pleased to report we awarded 4 scholarships in 2022 in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to Fairlee students seeking higher education. These scholarships were disbursed in two payments of \$500.00 – one for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. These scholarship awards would not be possible without donations. Please consider supporting the Fairlee Scholarship Fund with a donation of any size so we may continue to award these scholarships to help support our Fairlee students.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-333-4363 ext.1 or email at townclerk@fairleevt.gov.

Thank you,

The Fairlee Scholarship Committee

Jane Chambers

Lisa Hinsley

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig



Tank completed December 2018

2022 Report from the Tri-Town Commission

The Tri-Town Commission agreed to a **Budget for 2023 of \$6,505.00**. This is roughly a 20% decrease and primarily due to the purchase of the required safety buoys. The installation of the buoys and signage is being scheduled for Spring 2023. Another maintenance item that is in the budget will be the painting of the safety railings on the Dam. With the help of Bryan Gazda the Thetford Town Manager who was appointed as Facility manager, and Jessica Eaton, the Dam is functioning well. As we enter the period where the Commission will continue as **an oversight committee of the Dam** we have recommended, and Thetford will vote this year on the approved reduction to two members per Town. Fairlee and West Fairlee approved this recommendation in the previous year.

In our discussions of the Commission we still recommend that a vote from **the Towns to approve a Capital Reserve fund** is a wise preventative step

for the Towns to take for the long term. We have been in contact on this matter with legal counsel and hope to bring this piece together this year with agreement of the Commission to present to the Towns.

We continued as members of the [Association of State Dam Officials](#) (ADSO) that provides a significant amount of material on upkeep and maintenance for small dams. **The Commission is aware of the special nature of Dams** and has also had conversation about retaining Dubois & King, the original design firm on a regular long term regular basis to review and provide the Commission a report as we maintain this valuable Community asset.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Berger, Chair

Tri-Town Commission

David Goodrich, Jessica Eaton, Melissa Krzal,

Tom Ward, David Roth, Steve Malinoski



Water tank roof relocation

2022 Report from the Upper Valley Ambulance

At the October 25, 2022 meeting of the Upper Valley Ambulance Board of Directors, the proposed budget for 2023 was passed unanimously.

We have done our best to build a fiscally responsible budget that meets the needs of the communities that we serve. This budget supports an ambulance replacement schedule that ensures that we have the most up to date and reliable sources of transportation for the sick and injured that reside and travel through your communities. I am sure that you all are aware of the hard financial times that we all are facing. We needed to give pay raises to our folks to be competitive and to help them be able to afford rent and, gas and groceries. Our annual fuel bill is forecasted to be 285% over what was budgeted Who knew what fuel prices would have done in 2022? We are planning for the same, or slightly higher fuel expense in 2023. We have ordered a new ambulance for delivery in April, 2024. It is the same vehicle as the last two ambulances but is almost \$40,000 more expensive this time.

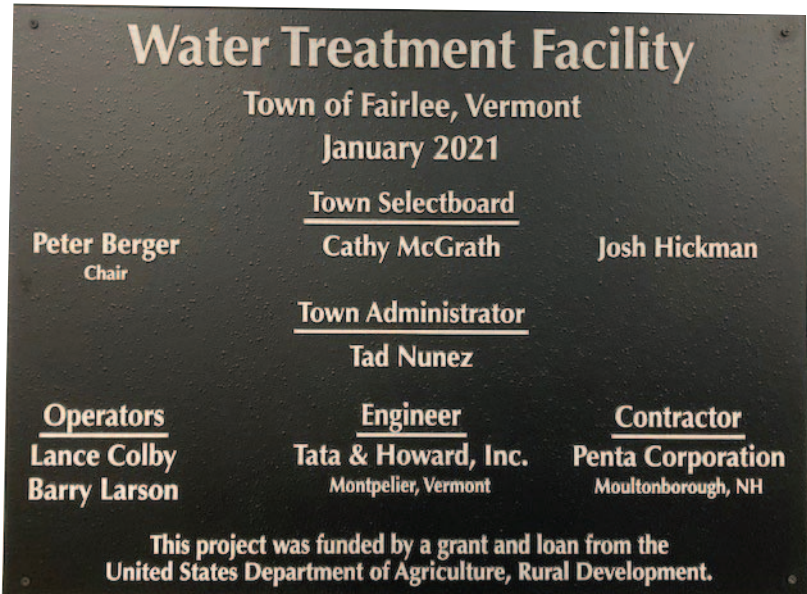
Since there is no forecast for an increase in reimbursements by health insurance plans or Medicare and Medicaid, the increase in our expenses will have to result in an increase in the fee to our towns. The

increase will be two dollars in the per capita fee over the 2022 fee. **So the total fee for 2023 will be \$51 per capita.** This reflects a 1.04% increase in fees to our towns.

As always UVA’s policy is that our financial operations are transparent to our communities. Any member of town leadership wishing to review our books should please make an appointment with me to do so. In addition, as in previous years, I offer the communities the opportunity to schedule a time when I can meet with either your Selectboard or budget committee. The best way to contact me is to send me an email at alan@uppervalleyambulance.com and we can arrange a mutual time for a phone call to discuss any questions or concerns, or to set up a day/time for me to meet with your town’s leadership.

Upper Valley Ambulance continues to appreciate the support of the towns we serve, and we reciprocate by providing you with high quality emergency medical services.

Best regards,
Alan Beebe
Executive Director



2022 Report from the Fairlee Water Department

This Fall 2022 we started using the water metering system to bill customers for their water usage.

What a shock for some to find out how much water they really used. A lot of leaks have been found on the customer's side of the water meter. Many of these leaks have been fixed which will save the homeowner and the Town money. In addition, their sewer system will be in a lot better shape.

The filter system has been in operation for almost three years and is doing its job of providing clean water free of manganese, iron, and arsenic. We still add chlorine and aqua-mag to control corrosion in the pipes.

New security lights have been installed at the pumphouse building. In 2023, we plan on adding

cameras for added security. This was the first time in 52 years that we had an attempted break-in at the water complex.

The new waterlines have improved water flow which helps us maintain clean water and fire protection. We are still actively looking for a second well site.

We appreciate the help we have received from fellow citizens. I want to thank everyone who has helped us this past year. It does take a team to run a public water system.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Colby, Chief Operator

2022 Report from the Fairlee Zoning, Planning, and Economic Development Office

Residential construction featured only one permit for a single family home, but Fairlee added twelve housing units this year. Two single family homes were converted into duplexes, two accessory dwelling units were built and the 501 Route 5 North project added another seven units. As is typical, most of the new construction involved residential additions and accessory buildings. Commercial permits were down this year as previously permitted projects were completed. There are still tax credit opportunities for facade rehab and restoration projects on historic buildings in the Designated Village Center, please contact me for more information.

2023 will be the year that the amended Unified Development Bylaw (UDB), with an emphasis on reforms to the subdivision article, changes to the Village provisions designed to continue the increase in commercial and housing development, and changes to Lake Area provisions to begin addressing water quality issues on Lake Morey, will go before the voters and take us out of the moratorium on construction around Lake Morey. The Planning Commission will also undertake master planning in the Village Center, delayed due to the emergency

on Lake Morey, to integrate infrastructure, policy, and the UDB to make sure that all the moving parts engage smoothly and pull in the same direction.

Please send me an email at zoning@fairleevt.gov if you have any questions about this or any other zoning topic.

Zoning Permits	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
one & two family dwelling	2	2	3	6	3
accessory dwelling unit					2
residential addition	7	5	4	6	3
residential accessory structure	8	8	5	10	8
home occupation	0	1	1	0	0
pool	0	0	0	1	
commercial construction	0	2	1	1	2
commercial accessory structure	0	3	0	3	0
commercial use/sign	1	1	2	4	0
Demolition	0	0	1	4	0
Certificates of Compliance	4	0	1	6	5
Administrative Subdivision					1
Total issued	22	22	18	41	24
denials	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Brimmer

Zoning Administrator

CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS IN 2022

The Town of Fairlee and the Fairlee Water Department paid amounts in excess of \$1,000.00 under various employment and contractual arrangements during 2022 to the individuals and firms listed below:

(Due to possible income sensitivity, taxpayer refunds over \$1,000.00 are not listed.)

TOWN/WATER CONTRACTUAL:

Absolute Spill Response, LLC	Water Filtration System	\$ 2,468.82
All-Access Infotech, LLC	IT/Equipment	30,789.74
Allen Engineering, Inc.	Water Department - Pump House	1,229.75
Alliance Consulting & Excavation, LLC	Water Line Replacement	70,921.89
Alliance Mechanical	TH Furnace Service Contract	2,371.82
Amazon	Library Books/Supplies	1,557.67
Austin Mohawk and Company, LLC	Bus Shelter	2,808.00
Bethel Mills	Materials / Hardware	3,382.42
Bill Hodge's Property Service	Mowing - Town & Cemetery	24,741.50
Blaktop	Road Resurfacing	129,903.89
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of VT	Health Insurance	51,601.57
Cargill, Inc.	Winter Roads – Salt	18,844.37
Cartographic Technologies, Inc.	Map Maintenance	3,910.00
Carus, LLC	Water Department/Pumphouse	2,788.99
Champlain Valley Equipment	Harper Straw Blower	10,271.00
Cincinnati Cos., The	Insurance (FD/Fast Squad)	1,251.00
Clara Martin Center	Appropriation	1,545.00
Community Bank	Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	19,991.47
Consolidated Communications	Telephone	7,531.85
Cott Systems, Inc.	Land Records Management	3,050.00
Delta Dental	Dental Insurance	1,976.86
Demco	Library Office Supplies	1,520.58
Dubois & King	Better Connections Grant	11,550.00
Dufresne Group	Asset Management Consultant	15,802.15
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	Water Line Supplies	5,129.27
Electrical Installations, Inc.	Water Department	14,552.44
Endyne, Inc.	Water Department	1,470.00
Fairlee Marine & Recreation, Inc.	Pontoon Repair/Storage	1,156.41
Ferguson Waterworks	Water Department/Pumphouse	9,432.12
First Bankcard	Town Credit Card Purchases	19,485.79
Govoffice, LLC	IT/Equipment	2,825.00
Gray Electric	Electrical Work	35,072.41
Green Mountain Library Consortium	Integrated Library System Fee	1,091.38
Green Mountain Power	Electricity	19,863.16
Hampshire Fire Protection Co., LLC	Annual Inspection	3,965.00
Hanover, Town of	Dispatch	13,001.50
HCT Sun Enterprises	Electricity/Solar	14,135.44

High Country Aluminum Products, LLC	Beach	2,100.80
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	7,780.34
IRS - EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	101,732.20
Jay's Septic Tank Cleaning	Septic Cleaning	1,140.00
K & R Portable Restroom Services, LLC	Port-a-lets	3,844.96
Konica Minolta Premier Finance	Copier Lease	1,214.82
Lackie, David	Trucking	7,280.00
Lake Fairlee Association, Inc.	Appropriation	5,250.00
Leaf	Maintenance Contract	2,049.36
LHS Associates Inc.	Elections	1,068.60
Little Rivers Health Care	Appropriation	2,000.00
Longto Tree Service	Tree Removal	15,900.00
Loschiavo, Mike	Roadside Mowing	5,069.50
M. Wright Excavation	Roads	158,402.50
Magee Office Plus	Office Supplies	1,639.75
Martin's Quarry	Highway Department	27,611.33
Miranda Clemson, LLC	Website	1,441.92
NE Municipal Resource (NEMRC)	Software/Support/Contract	6,865.22
Northern Landscape Services	Town Forest	2,950.00
Northstar Fireworks	Fireworks	6,000.00
Orange County Court	Orange County Tax	55,276.53
Orange County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement Patrol	28,905.00
Orange East Senior Center	Appropriation	3,000.00
Otis Elevator Company	Elevator Contract	1,781.56
Overhead Door Co. of Rutland, Inc.	EMS Door Repair	1,150.00
Perley Colby, Inc. Plumbing	Plumbing/Water System	24,088.99
Perry's/Patten's Oil Service, Inc.	Fuel Oil & Propane	10,300.13
Prudential Retirement Services	Retirement	10,248.70
Quinttown Container Services	Recycling/EMS Bldg Trash	15,807.00
R.C. Brayshaw & Company, Inc.	Printing	1,357.00
Redstart, Inc.	Town Forest	1,673.75
Repro	Town Report Printing	1,755.88
Rivendell ISD	School Taxes	3,145,591.22
Rowell's Grading	Road Grading	12,480.00
Sandberg Farm	Composting	1,777.00
Solitude Lake Management	Milfoil	6,670.00
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies – Town/Library	1,396.97
Swampguana	Milfoil	2,500.00
Symquest Group, Inc.	Copier Service/Repair	1,965.36
Tarrant, Gillies, & Shems	Professional Fees	1,080.00
Tata & Howard	Engineers – Water/Highway Dept.	11,074.48
The Eliminator Pest Control & Property Service	Road Sweeping	3,190.00
Thetford Community Solar, LLC	Electricity/Solar	4,112.56
Ti-Sales Inc.	Water Department	7,520.10

Topsham Communications LLC	Internet (TH, Library, & FD)	8,577.38
Treasurer, State of Vermont	Water System	1,516.05
Treeline	Arborist	1,450.00
Tri Town Commission	Appropriation	1,424.63
Tri-Valley Transit	Appropriation	2,500.00
Two Rivers Ottauquechee	Dues/Consultants	4,388.06
U.S. Postage Service	Postage	4,808.00
UI Insurance Services, Inc.	Fire Department Insurance	12,237.00
Uline	Office Furniture / Rugs	4,676.43
Unifirst Corp.	Town Hall Rug Service	2,029.90
Union Bank	Town Hall Loan Payments	56,573.40
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.	Ambulance Service	48,587.00
USDA Rural Development	Loan Repayment	67,714.00
Valley Floors, Inc.	Floor Maintenance	4,573.50
Valley News	Advertising	1,216.06
Vermont Appraisal Co.	Reappraisal	10,550.00
Vermont Reindeer Farm	Rec Council	1,200.00
Vermont State Dept. of Taxes	Payroll Taxes	11,592.30
Vermont State Treasurer	Licenses	1,025.00
Vermont, State of	Water Department - Permit	312,726.56
Visiting Nurse Alliance/Hospice	Appropriation	5,500.00
VLCT (VT League of Cities & Towns)	Membership/Workshops	2,840.40
VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust	Unemployment Insurance	3,556.00
VLCT PACIF	Property Casualty/WC Ins.	23,918.00
VT Recreational Surfacing & Fencing	Guardrails	5,920.00
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	Office Supplies	1,198.74
Windows & Doors By Brownell-W Leb	Town Hall Windows	3,310.40
Worksafe	Road Signs	2,447.39
Zenner Performance	Water Department-Meters	2,934.00

EMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS IN 2022

Amounts listed are the gross amount paid to individuals making in excess of \$1,000.

EMPLOYEE	HOURS	DUTIES	AMOUNT
Jason D. Bachus	469.00	Chief of Police	\$ 12,691.21
Jason D. Bachus	N/A	Delinquent Tax Collector	8,196.97
Celia A. Barlett	222.00	Milfoil - Boat Ramp Greeter	3,077.00
Ingrid A Beattie	125.00	Boat Ramp Greeter	1,875.00
Peter B. Berger	51.00	Selectboard Chair/Election Worker	2,140.00
Joanna W. Bligh	110.00	Minute Taker (DRB, PC, SB)	1,980.00
John C. Brimmer	1,560.00	Zoning Administrator & PC Planner	40,638.61
Sylvia C. Brown	289.00	Town Hall Custodian	6,008.33
Jillian Bushee	120.25	Lifeguard	1,743.63
David R. Cannon	N/A	Fast Squad/Fire Department	2,505.00
Kenneth D. Champagne	N/A	Fire Department - Chief	2,505.00
Russell W. Collins	534.25	Lister	9,819.54
Kara L. Darling	123.00	Library Custodian	2,487.06
Jo-Anne Fratus	177.00	Milfoil Greeter	2,655.00
Jennifer L Garrow	667.50	Assistant Treasurer	15,633.50
Andrew D. Godfrey	N/A	Fire Department - Deputy	1,460.00
Frank E. Godfrey	544.00	Handyman/Transfer Station/Beach Maint.	10,352.45
Keanu E Hallmartel	108.25	Lifeguard	1,675.38
Lisa F. Hinsley	2,181.00	Town Treasurer	60,506.88
Rosanne Kerr	65.00	Assistant Treasurer	1,300.00
Barbara J. Lantery	988.25	Assistant Town Clerk/Restoration/Elections	17,725.84
Barry G. Larson	475.00	Water & Fire Department	16,040.00
Dan Ludwig	74.25	Lister Animal Control Officer	1,576.28
Catherine McGrath	4.25	Selectboard Chair/Election Worker	1,059.62
Lance Mills	7.25	Selectboard Chair/Election Worker	1,090.99
John T. Nunez	2,093.50	Town Administrator	61,024.52
Ann O'Hearn	328.25	Beach Manager Greeter Supervisor	5,908.50
Scott O'Hearn	209.00	Milfoil Greeter	3,135.00
Alexander Pearl	247.00	Lifeguard	3,581.51
Elizabeth M. Reynolds	1,820.00	Library Director	44,098.60
Patricia Tompkins	454.00	Minutes Taker	8,172.00
Noël G. Walker	2,020.00	Lister - Chair/E-911 Coordinator/Tech Asst.	44,489.89
Georgette K. Wolf-Ludwig	2,083.25	Town Clerk	57,918.46

TOWN OF FAIRLEE – 2022 GRAND LIST

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

GRAND LIST:

Municipal	\$ 2,142,232.00
Non-Homestead	1,399,149.00
Homestead	729,262.00
State of VT Special Exemption - from Education Tax ONLY (solar fields/municipal prop.)	13,821.00

TAXES ASSESSED & BILLED:

	Grand List x	Tax Rate	
General Fund	\$ 2,142,232.00	\$ 0.5230	\$ 1,120,387.34
Highway Fund	2,142,232.00	0.1010	216,365.43
Veterans Local Agreement Rate	2,142,232.00	0.0004	856.89
Non-Homestead Education	1,399,149.00	1.6413	2,296,423.25
Homestead Education	729,262.00	1.9971	1,456,409.14
Total Taxes Assessed & Billed:			5,090,442.05
Late HS-131 Penalty			4,436.19
			<u>\$ 5,094,878.24</u>

Municipal Tax Rate	0.6244
Total Non-Homestead Tax Rate	2.2657
Total Homestead Tax Rate	2.6215

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Collections:	
General Fund	\$ 1,103,879.68
Highway Fund	213,177.53
Veterans Local Agreement Rate	844.27
Non-Homestead Education	2,262,588.03
Homestead Education	1,434,950.58
Total Collections	5,015,440.08
Delinquent to Collector	75,001.97
Total Taxes Accounted For 12/31/22:	<u>\$ 5,090,442.05</u>

VETERANS EXEMPTIONS:	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>
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DELINQUENT TAXES:

Submitted to Treasurer,	
Delinquent for 2013	\$ 1,038.13
Delinquent for 2014	3,247.92
Delinquent for 2015	2,217.18
Delinquent for 2016	2,465.86
Delinquent for 2017	2,052.53
Delinquent for 2018	2,178.05
Delinquent for 2019	9,199.61
Delinquent for 2020	9,930.71
Delinquent for 2021	22,024.83
Delinquent for 2022	75,001.97
Total Delinquent Taxes 12/31/22:	<u>\$ 129,356.79</u>

Submitted on the 27th day of January 2023 by Jason Bachus

TOWN OF FAIRLEE

2022 STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICES

As of December 31, 2022

	<u>PRINCIPAL BALANCE</u>
SHORT-TERM:	
Water Dept. Asset Management Loan Forgiveness Program*	
Vermont Bond Bank Note available balance = \$50,000	
Note interest rate = 0.0%	
Maturity date = August 1, 2030	\$ 13,592.82
*Money is awarded in the form of a forgivable loan, all principal and interest will be forgiven upon successful completion of the Asset Management program.	
 LONG-TERM:	
Lake Fairlee Dam Loan - (Community Bank)	
Original loan principal balance = \$289,000	
Loan interest rate = 2.75%, 20 yr. fixed	
Annual principal payment amount = \$14,450, with interest payments made semi-annually	
Maturity date = July 15, 2035	187,850.00
 Town Hall Renov. Loan - (Union Bank)	
Original Loan principal balance = \$835,055	
Loan interest rate = 3.0%	
Monthly principal and interest payments = \$4,714.45	
Maturity date = July 1, 2038	686,504.97
 Water Dept. USDA Loan - (USDA)	
Original Loan principal balance = \$2,031,000	
Loan interest rate = 1.50%, 40 yr. fixed	
Semi-annual principal and interest payments = \$33,857.00	<u>1,955,484.75</u>
 TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF 12/31/22	 <u><u>\$ 2,843,432.54</u></u>

Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2022

Cemetery Fund - #41

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 23,049.45	\$ 23,109.83	\$ 23,165.12
RECEIPTS:			
Interest - Fund Account	60.38	55.29	60.00
Sales of Lots (40%)	-	-	-
Cemetery CD funds transfer	-	-	-
Misc. Income	-	-	-
TOTAL	<u>23,109.83</u>	<u>23,165.12</u>	<u>23,225.12</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Cemetery Expenses - Maint.	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 23,109.83</u>	<u>\$ 23,165.12</u>	<u>\$ 23,225.12</u>

Fund established in 1980 with 60% of plot sales added annually for perpetual care.

Rosalene M. Ordway Trust Fund - #42

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 2,519.15	\$ 2,525.76	\$ 2,531.79
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	6.61	6.03	6.00
TOTAL	<u>2,525.76</u>	<u>2,531.79</u>	<u>2,537.79</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Toward Water On & Off	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 2,525.76</u>	<u>\$ 2,531.79</u>	<u>\$ 2,537.79</u>

Fund established in 1987 with a bequest from Rosalene M. Ordway. Interest only is to be used for the maintenance and improvements of water in the Fairlee Village Cemetery.

Fairlee Recreation Council Fund - #43

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 12,497.66	\$ 13,268.29	\$ 12,874.13
RECEIPTS:			
Calendar Sales	1,928.00	1,971.00	2,000.00
Interest	36.42	32.24	35.00
TOTAL	<u>14,462.08</u>	<u>15,271.53</u>	<u>14,909.13</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Calendar Expenses	1,193.79	1,197.40	1,200.00
Misc. Expenses	-	1,200.00	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 13,268.29</u>	<u>\$ 12,874.13</u>	<u>\$ 13,709.13</u>

This fund was established to allow the Fairlee Recreation Council to do fundraising for future projects/events and keep the funds separate so that they could be carried over year after year.

Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2022

Fairlee Historical Society Fund- #44

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 5,097.23	\$ 6,548.25	\$ 7,200.21
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	1,427.00	1,296.14	1,000.00
Dues	400.00	595.00	500.00
Interest	15.24	16.93	17.00
TOTAL	<u>6,939.47</u>	<u>8,456.32</u>	<u>8,717.21</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expense (meetings/supplies/postage/software)	391.22	1,256.11	500.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 6,548.25</u>	<u>\$ 7,200.21</u>	<u>\$ 8,217.21</u>

Fund established in 1976 for the purpose of collecting dues and donations to be used for the preservation of the archives and facilitate historical programs.

FHS Town Hall 2nd Floor Fundraising Fund - #61

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 118.28	\$ 118.59	\$ 118.88
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	-	-	-
Interest	0.31	0.29	-
TOTAL	<u>118.59</u>	<u>118.88</u>	<u>118.88</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expense	-	-	-
Transfer to Town towards Renovation cost	-	-	118.88
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 118.59</u>	<u>\$ 118.88</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Fund established in 2016 to track fundraising efforts for the 2nd floor renovations.

Scholarship Fund - #45

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 128,794.71	\$ 120,120.46	\$ 112,902.05
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	-	-	1,000.00
Scholarship refund	1,000.00	-	-
Interest	325.75	281.59	250.00
TOTAL	<u>130,120.46</u>	<u>120,402.05</u>	<u>114,152.05</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Scholarships	10,000.00	7,500.00	10,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 120,120.46</u>	<u>\$ 112,902.05</u>	<u>\$ 104,152.05</u>

Fund established in 1967 as part of the Fairlee School District to give students, who are Fairlee residents, the opportunity to apply for scholarships to help fund continuing education after high school graduation.

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Sheldon Miller Bequest Fund - #46

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 33,782.03	\$ 33,870.53	\$ 33,951.55
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	88.50	81.02	75.00
TOTAL	33,870.53	33,951.55	34,026.55
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Rivendell Interstate School District	-	-	450.00
Thetford Academy	-	-	100.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 33,870.53</u>	<u>\$ 33,951.55</u>	<u>\$ 33,476.55</u>

Fund established in 1986 with a bequest from Sheldon Miller. Interest only is to be used for educational purposes in connection with the Fairlee Elementary School (now the Samuel Morey Elementary School) and Thetford Academy.

William H. Lange Memorial Forest Fund - #47

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 20,654.98	\$ 20,709.08	\$ 18,685.12
RECEIPTS:			
Stumpage Income	-	-	-
Interest	54.10	45.05	40.00
TOTAL	20,709.08	20,754.13	18,725.12
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	-	2,069.01	2,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 20,709.08</u>	<u>\$ 18,685.12</u>	<u>\$ 16,725.12</u>

770 acres acquired through a federal grant and a generous donation from John and Irma Lange in 1981. Any and all funds generated through sound forestry practices are to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the 770 acres (only) at the discretion of the five member Forest Board.

Timber Trust Fund - #48

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 21,846.39	\$ 21,828.55	\$ 19,768.35
RECEIPTS:			
Logging Income	-	-	-
Interest	57.16	47.72	40.00
TOTAL	21,903.55	21,876.27	19,808.35
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	75.00	2,107.92	2,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 21,828.55</u>	<u>\$ 19,768.35</u>	<u>\$ 17,808.35</u>

700 acres were acquired prior to 1950 as a result of unpaid property taxes. 10% of the principal is to be set aside annually to be used by the five member Forest Board, at their discretion, for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the 700 acres. The balance of any funds generated through forest management are available for use with the majority of voters approval. Three of the more notable activities conducted in the past five years, using these funds, was the clearing to open the view from Bald Top, treatment of the invasives on Bald Top, and the planting of 21 hybrid American Chestnut seedlings (by the Rivendell Academy science students). Each May the sophomore science students will visit the plantings to release any competition and measure the growth. That information will be sent to The American Chestnut Foundation's main office for their records.

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Gravel Pit/Logging Fund - #49

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 23,957.44	\$ 23,867.36	\$ 23,365.64
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	62.47	56.19	50.00
	24,019.91	23,923.55	23,415.64
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	152.55	557.91	500.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 23,867.36</u>	<u>\$ 23,365.64</u>	<u>\$ 22,915.64</u>

100 acres acquired from the State of Vermont for \$1.00 in 1982. Should the town choose to no longer use it for recreational purposes, it reverts back to the State of Vermont. 10% of the funds generated from sound forestry practices are to be set aside annually to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the forest. The balance of the funds are available, at the discretion of a majority of the voters, for "Recreation Development."

Firemen's Stock Fund - #52

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 21,139.28	\$ 21,451.28	\$ 21,710.24
RECEIPTS:			
Change in Stock Value	-	-	-
Dividend	312.00	258.96	250.00
TOTAL	21,451.28	21,710.24	21,960.24
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 21,451.28</u>	<u>\$ 21,710.24</u>	<u>\$ 21,960.24</u>

Fund established in 1995 from a donation made in stocks to the Fairlee Fire Department.

Reappraisal Reserve Fund - #53

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 60,165.93	\$ 29,165.97	\$ 8,985.00
RECEIPTS:			
State of Vermont - Per Parcel	7,168.00	6,555.00	7,000.00
Interest	138.37	64.03	30.00
TOTAL	67,472.30	35,785.00	16,015.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Transfer to Town towards reappraisal cost	38,306.33	26,800.00	16,015.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 29,165.97</u>	<u>\$ 8,985.00</u>	<u>\$ (0.00)</u>

Fund established in 1998, per Statue 32 VSA, §4041a, for the purpose of reappraisal cost related to our grand list.

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Restoration Fees Reserve Fund - #54

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 10,930.45	\$ 13,607.90	\$ 15,267.19
RECEIPTS:			
Restoration Fees	5,190.00	3,931.25	4,500.00
TOTAL	<u>16,120.45</u>	<u>17,539.15</u>	<u>19,767.19</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Restoration Salaries & Wages/Payroll Taxes	2,463.28	2,271.96	2,500.00
Misc. Expenses	49.27	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 13,607.90</u>	<u>\$ 15,267.19</u>	<u>\$ 17,267.19</u>

Fund established on December 8, 1998 for the sole purpose of funding the restoration, preservation and conservation of municipal records filed with the Town Clerk. A portion of the recording fees from land records funds this account.

Listers' Training Reserve Fund - #55

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 1,983.44	\$ 1,983.44	\$ 1,983.44
RECEIPTS:			
State of Vermont	-	-	-
TOTAL	<u>1,983.44</u>	<u>1,983.44</u>	<u>1,983.44</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Training Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 1,983.44</u>	<u>\$ 1,983.44</u>	<u>\$ 1,983.44</u>

Fund established in 2005, per Statue 32 VSA, §4041a (a) and 5405(f), for the purpose of listers' education.

Railroad Station Fund - #58

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 13,924.78	\$ 13,961.25	\$ 15,018.85
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	36.47	34.17	35.00
Transfer from Railroad Station General Fund	-	1,023.43	32.20
TOTAL	<u>13,961.25</u>	<u>15,018.85</u>	<u>15,086.05</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Transfer to Railroad Station General Fund	-	-	-
Transfer to Capital Budget	-	-	8,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 13,961.25</u>	<u>\$ 15,018.85</u>	<u>\$ 7,086.05</u>

Fund established in 2012 to enable any funds in excess of spending be carried over to the next year to be used to upgrade and repair the Railroad Station.

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Library - Perkins Fund - #80

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 504.69	\$ 506.01	\$ 507.22
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	1.32	1.21	1.00
TOTAL	<u>506.01</u>	<u>507.22</u>	<u>508.22</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 506.01</u>	<u>\$ 507.22</u>	<u>\$ 508.22</u>

Fund established by a donation from Homer & Alice Perkins, interest only to be used to purchase nature books.

Library - Titus Fund - #81

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 4,751.80	\$ 4,764.25	\$ 4,775.64
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	12.45	11.39	10.00
TOTAL	<u>4,764.25</u>	<u>4,775.64</u>	<u>4,785.64</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 4,764.25</u>	<u>\$ 4,775.64</u>	<u>\$ 4,785.64</u>

Fund established by a donation from Isabel Currier Titus, interest only to be used to purchase books.

Library - Bequest Fund - #82

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 22,436.31	\$ 23,843.62	\$ 23,892.01
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	2,800.00	-	-
Interest	63.49	57.02	60.00
TOTAL	<u>25,299.80</u>	<u>23,900.64</u>	<u>23,952.01</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	1,456.18	8.63	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 23,843.62</u>	<u>\$ 23,892.01</u>	<u>\$ 23,952.01</u>

Fund established by misc. donations/bequests of \$300 or more by Library patrons, interest only transferred to the Book Donations fund annually.

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Library - Misc. Expenses Fund - #83

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 2,852.86	\$ 1,357.51	\$ 1,074.47
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	1,080.00	-	500.00
Interest	5.90	2.96	4.00
TOTAL	<u>3,938.76</u>	<u>1,360.47</u>	<u>1,578.47</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Library Improvements	280.00	286.00	300.00
Transfer to Town - building demolition	2,301.25	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 1,357.51</u>	<u>\$ 1,074.47</u>	<u>\$ 1,278.47</u>

Fund established by misc. donations by Library patrons specifically for misc. library expenses, funds used to help the library cover expenses not budgeted or exceeding budget.

Library - Book Donations Fund - #84

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 2,454.39	\$ 2,494.79	\$ 2,299.87
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	153.58	221.60	-
Interest	6.66	5.89	6.00
TOTAL	<u>2,614.63</u>	<u>2,722.28</u>	<u>2,305.87</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Book Purchase Expenses	119.84	422.41	500.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 2,494.79</u>	<u>\$ 2,299.87</u>	<u>\$ 1,805.87</u>

Fund established by misc. donations/bequests of less than \$300 by Library patrons, for books only. This fund is also spending \$250/year for purchasing books, to lower the book expense line item in the Library Town budget.

ARPA Fund - #90

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ -	\$ 146,473.75	\$ 293,016.57
RECEIPTS:			
Funds Received	146,473.75	146,542.82	-
TOTAL	<u>146,473.75</u>	<u>293,016.57</u>	<u>293,016.57</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Funds Transferred to Highway Capital Budget	-	-	40,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 146,473.75</u>	<u>\$ 293,016.57</u>	<u>\$ 253,016.57</u>

The Town of Fairlee has been awarded, from The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), \$102,594.00 for cities, towns and villages funds as well as \$190,353.50 for county funds. Selectboards will have discretion over how to spend these allocations. ARPA funds must be obligated by Dec. 31, 2024 and expended by Dec. 31, 2026.

*By old pump house. Paul Sargent
in plaid shirt.*



Lance Colby



General Fund – Summary Budget

GENERAL FUND	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Administration	\$ 54,454	\$ 31,526	26,619	\$ 16,900
Cemetery	-	-	-	-
Community Organizations	-	-	-	-
Emergency Services and Buildings	22,110	26,879	20,900	30,260
Fire & Rescue	-	-	-	-
Information Technology (IT)	-	-	-	-
Library	545	12,472	2,492	800
Listers	96,019	116,618	105,471	93,560
Lakes	48,731	49,033	18,096	54,860
Other	6,000	9,656	-	-
Police	831	1,072	1,866	500
Railroad Station	4,225	11,450	8,591	17,200
Recreation Council	2,093	518	3,208	2,850
Town Hall & Parks	1,215	37,636	19,335	4,000
Trash & Recycling	2,094	5,012	3,156	4,300
Tri-Town Commission	-	-	-	-
Zoning	92,445	23,123	6,354	41,500
Total Revenues	<u>330,762</u>	<u>324,996</u>	<u>216,087</u>	<u>266,730</u>
Expenses				
Administration	338,095	322,116	332,950	377,211
Cemetery	9,094	8,737	10,783	10,155
Community Organizations	26,700	25,650	26,050	26,050
Emergency Services and Buildings	60,902	60,093	71,594	77,660
Fire & Rescue	52,877	51,242	37,985	72,834
Information Technology & Equipment	-	-	53,931	66,479
Library	87,928	104,248	96,691	106,465
Listers	63,120	81,342	73,078	82,657
Lakes	56,088	45,612	37,354	44,210
Other	77,986	57,721	68,640	61,044
Police	41,704	38,301	50,306	76,341
Railroad Station	10,944	5,214	8,591	17,200
Recreation Council	11,734	16,749	25,141	27,407
Town Hall & Parks	62,552	94,504	73,539	81,261
Trash & Recycling	29,616	29,397	24,165	31,814
Tri-Town Commission	731	1,441	1,425	2,212
Zoning	143,704	63,851	48,040	98,903
Total Expenses	<u>1,073,775</u>	<u>1,006,218</u>	<u>1,040,262</u>	<u>1,259,902</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (743,013)</u>	<u>\$ (681,221)</u>	<u>(824,175)</u>	<u>\$ (993,172)</u>

General Fund – Summary Budget

	2020 Taxes <u>As Billed</u>	2021 Taxes <u>As Billed</u>	2022 Taxes <u>As Billed</u>	2023 Taxes <u>(Estimated)</u>
ARTICLE 10:				
General Fund Revenues	n/a	\$ (301,113)	(233,809)	\$ (266,730)
Cash Available/Carry Forward	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(69,000)</u>	<u>(52,500)</u>
Non-Tax Revenues		<u>(326,113)</u>	<u>(302,809)</u>	<u>(319,230)</u>
General Fund Expenses	818,001	1,136,866	1,154,753	1,259,902
Veteran's Local Agreement Rate	<u>833</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>833</u>
General Fund Expenditures		<u>1,137,699</u>	<u>1,155,586</u>	<u>1,260,735</u>
Town to be Raised by Taxes	<u>818,834</u>	<u>811,586</u>	<u>852,777</u>	<u>941,505</u>

ARTICLE 7:				
Highway Revenues	(57,310)	(60,787)	(78,630)	(64,075)
Highway Expenses	<u>278,337</u>	<u>289,197</u>	<u>294,107</u>	<u>301,472</u>
Highway to be Raised by Taxes	<u>221,027</u>	<u>228,410</u>	<u>215,477</u>	<u>237,397</u>

ARTICLE 8:				
Town Buildings & Lands Reserve	40,000	35,000	32,000	40,000
Debt Service - Town Hall Loan	56,573	56,573	<u>56,573</u>	<u>56,573</u>
			<u>88,573</u>	<u>96,573</u>
Emergency Equipment Reserve	10,000	18,000	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Town Highway Reserve	90,000	90,000	<u>130,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>
Lake Reserve	7,500	7,000	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Debt Service - Lake Fairlee Dam Loan	21,000	21,000	<u>21,000</u>	<u>21,000</u>
			<u>28,500</u>	<u>28,500</u>
Capital Budget to be Raised by Taxes	<u>225,073</u>	<u>227,573</u>	<u>267,073</u>	<u>275,073</u>

ARTICLES 10, 7 & 8 TOTAL

Total Municipal Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$ 1,264,934</u>	<u>\$ 1,267,569</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,327</u>	<u>\$ 1,453,975</u>
Total Tax Rate - Actual	<u>\$ 0.5991</u>	<u>\$ 0.5975</u>	<u>\$ 0.6244</u>	
Total Tax Rate - Estimated	<u>\$ 0.6025</u>	<u>\$ 0.5997</u>	<u>\$ 0.6289</u>	<u>\$ 0.6848</u>

Difference from last year				\$ 0.0604
Percentage increase over last year				9.67%

General Fund – Department Budgets

ADMINISTRATION	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Property Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 46,925.98	\$ 39,183.05	\$ -	\$ -
Property Taxes - Current	1,179,354.67	1,245,118.17	-	-
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,236.94	3,533.14	-	-
Delinquent Tax Fee	3,550.49	8,059.40	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Clerks Fees	12,892.50	10,357.50	10,000.00	10,000.00
License Fees -Marriage/Dog	1,576.50	1,757.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Vehicle Registration Fees	90.00	105.00	100.00	100.00
Copier Fees	360.26	272.50	250.00	250.00
Large Format Copies	85.00	35.00	50.00	50.00
Misc. Income	8,750.02	370.60	-	-
Interest Income	1,984.73	2,128.58	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Revenues	1,257,807.09	1,310,919.94	16,900.00	16,900.00
Less Property Taxes	(1,226,280.65)	(1,284,301.22)	-	-
Total Revenues Less Property Taxes	31,526.44	26,618.72	16,900.00	16,900.00
Expenses				
Selectboard's Office				
Salaries & Wages - Selectboard	2,650.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Salaries & Wages - Town Administrator	50,275.75	53,517.77	53,134.85	57,193.60
Salaries & Wages - TA Transitioning	-	-	-	-
TA/Selectboard Expense	530.15	1,042.78	2,550.00	2,550.00
Town Clerk's Office				
Salaries & Wages - Town Clerk	51,195.82	55,164.46	55,078.40	59,155.20
Salaries & Wages - Asst. Clerk	12,835.58	14,868.00	14,040.00	15,077.40
Town Clerk Expense	903.00	1,284.64	1,000.00	1,000.00
Clerk's Supplies	847.94	812.53	1,200.00	1,200.00
Treasurer's Office				
Salaries & Wages - Treasurer	51,146.91	52,506.34	52,430.40	29,931.20
Salaries & Wages - Treasurer Asst.	323.92	16,668.75	20,800.00	40,216.80
Treasurer Expense	114.97	802.86	500.00	800.00
Auditor's				
Salaries & Wages - Auditor	-	-	300.00	300.00
Auditors Expense	-	-	11,000.00	16,000.00
Town Report	2,226.33	2,284.60	3,000.00	4,000.00
Salaries & Wages - Minutes Clerk	7,332.16	10,152.00	7,488.00	10,051.60
Salaries & Wages - Tech Asst.	1,500.00	<i>moved</i>	<i>moved</i>	-
Delinquent Tax Commission	3,463.40	8,196.97	3,000.00	3,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	14,943.94	19,075.37	15,818.03	16,709.57
Unemployment Insurance	2,346.00	3,556.00	3,556.00	2,932.00
Vt. League of Cities & Towns	2,281.00	2,325.00	2,325.00	2,325.00
Advertising	1,842.27	959.56	800.00	800.00
Postage	4,144.11	3,221.60	4,500.00	3,500.00
Office Supplies	3,469.15	4,059.31	3,000.00	3,000.00
Training	584.00	2,804.34	1,000.00	1,500.00
Computer & Internet Expense	38,290.99	<i>moved</i>	<i>moved</i>	-
Website	1,227.98	<i>moved</i>	<i>moved</i>	-
Equipment - New	-	<i>moved</i>	<i>moved</i>	-

General Fund – Department Budgets

ADMINISTRATION	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Equipment - Repair	188.80	<i>moved</i>	<i>moved</i>	-
Equipment Maintenance/Contracts	5,280.87	<i>moved</i>	<i>moved</i>	-
Travel/Mileage Expense	255.78	1,032.13	1,000.00	1,000.00
General Liability/Workers' Comp Insurance	3,854.00	3,999.00	4,563.25	8,857.00
Health/Dental/Eye Insurance	44,343.42	47,552.20	48,680.64	66,602.06
Retirement Plans	7,811.00	10,331.00	10,331.00	9,617.00
Telephone	3,755.44	4,504.88	3,500.00	4,000.00
Emergency Telephone	475.00	475.00	500.00	500.00
Professional Fees - Other	1,487.26	1,180.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water USDA Loan - Town Portion	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80
Misc. Expense	189.18	250.12	-	-
Bank Charges	-	30.00	-	100.00
Reimbursable Expenses	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	328,908.92	332,950.01	340,388.37	377,211.23
Less Water USDA Loan - Town Portion	6,792.80	-	6,792.80	-
Total Operating Expenses	322,116.12	332,950.01	333,595.57	377,211.23
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (290,589.68)</u>	<u>\$ (306,331.29)</u>	<u>\$ (316,695.57)</u>	<u>\$ (360,311.23)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

13.77%

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2023: 7.4% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase is included for all employees. Assistant Treasurer position was increased to 40 hours per week, Treasurer position decreased to 20 hours per week.

Computer & Internet Expense 2023: New department created called Information Technology & Equipment, as it has become such a big expense we wanted to show in more detail.

Equipment Maintenance/Contracts 2023: Included in IT & Equipment department budget

Health/Dental/Eye Insurance 2023: Health insurance increased 13%, also increased due to staffing changes.

General Fund – Department Budgets

CEMETERY	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Sale of Lots (60%)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Income - Fund	-	-	-	-
Interest Income - CD	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenses				
Cornerstones	-	-	150.00	150.00
Monument Repair/Maintenance	-	-	500.00	500.00
Insurance	27.00	28.00	28.00	30.00
Water	615.00	-	750.00	-
Contracted Services	8,095.00	10,750.00	9,075.00	9,075.00
Flag Expense	-	-	300.00	300.00
Misc. Expense	-	4.75	100.00	100.00
Total Expenses	8,737.00	10,782.75	10,903.00	10,155.00
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (8,737.00)	\$ (10,782.75)	\$ (10,903.00)	\$ (10,155.00)

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

-6.86%



Left to right: Bruce Farnham, Lance Colby, Clyde Blake, Billy Pierson, unidentified, and Lee Marsh

General Fund – Department Budgets

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenses				
American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
The Mentoring Project	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed, Inc.	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Clara Martin Center	1,545.00	1,545.00	1,545.00	1,545.00
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Little Rivers Health Care	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Lake Fairlee Assoc. Milfoil	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
Orange County Restorative Justice Center	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Orange East Senior Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Rivendell Trails Association	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Rivendell Rec Association	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Safeline	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
Tri-Valley Transit (Stagecoach Transportation)	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Vermont. Assoc. for the Blind & Vis. Impaired	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00
Vermont Family Network	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
VNA/Hospice	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
WISE	-	400.00	400.00	400.00
Total Expenses	<u>25,650.00</u>	<u>26,050.00</u>	<u>26,050.00</u>	<u>26,050.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (25,650.00)</u>	<u>\$ (26,050.00)</u>	<u>\$ (26,050.00)</u>	<u>\$ (26,050.00)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

0%

General Fund – Department Budgets

EMERGENCY SERVICES & BUILDINGS	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Emergency Building Rent	\$ 24,120.00	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 25,084.80	\$ 29,260.00
EC Fiber Rent	-	-	-	500.00
Water Usage Income	-	-	500.00	500.00
Misc. Income	2,759.47	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>26,879.47</u>	<u>20,900.00</u>	<u>25,584.80</u>	<u>30,260.00</u>
Expenses				
Equipment - New	45.65	-	-	-
Equipment - Repair	-	-	700.00	500.00
Building Repairs	2,133.14	2,915.01	11,150.00	10,000.00
Building Repairs - Old Fire Station	-	852.19	500.00	1,000.00
Contracted Services	330.00	875.00	500.00	500.00
Upper Valley Ambulance	44,942.00	48,412.00	48,412.00	50,388.00
Insurance	3,129.64	3,805.76	3,072.04	3,072.04
Electric	2,628.29	4,630.34	2,500.00	4,000.00
Propane	4,868.07	6,472.46	4,000.00	6,000.00
Water	392.76	2,487.32	550.00	550.00
Rubbish	1,248.00	1,144.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Septic Pumping	375.00	-	-	400.00
Total Expenses	<u>60,092.55</u>	<u>71,594.08</u>	<u>72,634.04</u>	<u>77,660.04</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (33,213.08)</u>	<u>\$ (50,694.08)</u>	<u>\$ (47,049.24)</u>	<u>\$ (47,400.04)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

0.75%

Notes:

Emergency Building Rent 2022/2023: Rent for November and December 2022 of \$4,180 was paid in 2023.

Building Repairs 2023: Repair ceiling in bay (\$8,000), normal repairs and maintenance (\$2,000).

General Fund – Department Budgets

FIRE & RESCUE	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Fire	8,560.00	9,035.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
Salaries & Wages - FAST	1,808.80	1,600.00	4,200.00	4,800.00
Salaries & Wages - Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	673.98	710.30	1,105.43	1,304.33
Advertising/Recruitment	-	-	500.00	500.00
Supplies - Fire	630.00	83.65	1,250.00	1,250.00
Supplies - FAST	683.97	197.82	3,000.00	3,000.00
Office Supplies	-	70.00	100.00	100.00
Training - Fire	250.00	524.45	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training - FAST	319.98	273.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
Computer/Internet	1,469.88	1,639.88	1,890.00	1,900.00
Equipment - New Fire/Forestry	6,343.83	-	10,000.00	7,491.10
Equipment - New FAST	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Equipment - Repair/Maintenance	252.25	52.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Vehicle Operation/Maintenance	6,909.69	566.45	5,000.00	5,000.00
Insurance - Fire	8,421.45	9,008.33	8,972.70	8,972.70
Insurance - FAST	1,748.91	977.91	1,766.26	1,766.26
Misc. Expense	-	100.00	-	-
Dispatch	12,919.24	12,895.76	14,800.00	14,800.00
Total Expenses	51,241.98	37,984.55	72,834.39	72,834.39
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (51,241.98)	\$ (37,984.55)	\$ (72,834.39)	\$ (72,834.39)

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

0.00%

General Fund – Department Budgets

HIGHWAY	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
State Highway Funds	\$ 41,970.50	\$ 42,538.73	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 43,500.00
Access Permit Income	-	70.00	-	100.00
Work in ROW Permit Income	50.00	70.00	-	100.00
Grant Income - Misc.	986.99	-	-	-
Grant - Grants In Aid	-	12,607.55	13,947.60	8,375.00
Grant Income - Better Roads	-	4,600.00	16,251.91	12,000.00
Grant Income -Highway Equipment	-	6,430.00	6,430.00	-
Misc. Income	3,915.00	351.00	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>46,922.49</u>	<u>66,667.28</u>	<u>78,629.51</u>	<u>64,075.00</u>
Expenses				
Winter Roads	105,737.41	122,853.82	125,000.00	125,000.00
Sand/Salt/Aggregate	27,013.62	47,319.96	30,000.00	35,000.00
Summer Rd - Resurfacing	115.00	19,668.10	20,000.00	20,000.00
Summer Rd - Maintenance	59,311.83	39,598.42	42,000.00	42,000.00
Summer Rd - Ditching	1,280.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Summer Rd - Mowing	4,250.00	5,069.50	4,250.00	5,500.00
Summer Rd - Culvert Maintenance	-	5,416.05	3,600.00	3,600.00
Tree Removal/Trimming ROW	9,100.00	15,900.00	7,000.00	10,000.00
Guardrail - Maintenance & Repair	-	5,920.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Street Signs - Maintenance & Repair	1,485.16	2,108.99	1,000.00	1,000.00
Summer Rd - Sweeping	2,030.00	3,190.00	2,500.00	3,200.00
Street Lighting	7,266.32	6,939.90	7,000.00	7,000.00
Special Projects	10.00	121.72	5,000.00	5,000.00
Municipal Roads General Permit	500.00	500.00	500.00	640.00
Highway Advertising	-	-	200.00	200.00
Insurance	214.00	229.00	229.00	271.00
Electric	281.77	287.00	300.00	300.00
Grant Expense - Grants in Aid	9,059.45	5,705.18	8,375.00	13,947.00
Grant Expense - Better Roads	-	8,484.42	20,314.88	20,314.38
Grant Expense - Highway Equipment	-	10,271.00	8,338.00	-
Misc. Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>227,654.56</u>	<u>299,583.06</u>	<u>294,106.88</u>	<u>301,472.38</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (180,732.07)</u>	<u>\$ (232,915.78)</u>	<u>\$ (215,477.37)</u>	<u>\$ (237,397.38)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

10.17%

Notes:

Grant Income/Expense - Grants in Aid 2023: General ditching and culvert projects, town's portion \$5,572.00

Grant Income/Expense - Better Roads 2023: Maurice Roberts Hwy culvert project, town's portion \$8,314.38

General Fund – Department Budgets

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Misc. Income	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Tech Asst.	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,153.00
IT Maintenance & Licenses	-	-	-	11,261.00
Server Back-up & Licenses	-	-	-	6,636.00
Cybersecurity	-	-	-	9,123.00
NEMRC	-	-	-	6,200.00
Phone System/Internet/Zoom	-	-	-	2,070.00
Software Licensing	-	-	-	4,456.00
Computers/Hardware	-	-	-	9,870.00
Equipment - New	-	5,640.18	1,500.00	4,500.00
Equipment - Repair & Maint.	-	449.99	500.00	500.00
Equipment - Contracts	-	5,539.92	6,100.00	5,760.00
Website	-	1,366.67	1,400.00	3,950.00
Misc. Expense	-	39,434.25	47,898.00	-
Total Expenses	-	53,931.01	58,898.00	66,479.00
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (53,931.01)</u>	<u>\$ (58,898.00)</u>	<u>\$ (66,479.00)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

12.87%

Notes:

NEW DEPARTMENT CREATED TO SHOW ALL "IT" EXPENSES BROKEN OUT INTO MORE DETAILED LINE ITEMS. PREVIOUSLY ACCOUNTED FOR IN ADMIN BUDGET UNDER "COMPUTER AND INTERNET EXPENSE"

General Fund – Department Budgets

LIBRARY	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Book Income	\$ 106.91	\$ 113.70	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Program Income	-	100.00	50.00	50.00
Computer Income	213.51	105.45	200.00	200.00
Copier Income	91.60	106.85	100.00	100.00
Postage Income	266.05	192.40	200.00	200.00
Grant Income - Library	200.00	871.35	200.00	200.00
Library Donation - LMPA	-	500.00	-	-
Grant Income - ARPA	2,000.00	502.03	-	-
Friends of Lib Donation	9,593.75	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>12,471.82</u>	<u>2,491.78</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Librarian	43,249.09	44,098.60	44,092.00	47,356.40
Salaries & Wages - Sub. Salary	822.95	702.80	1,355.40	1,455.84
Salaries & Wages - Cleaning	2,635.67	2,487.06	3,155.15	3,388.32
Salaries & Wages - Seasonal Asst.	-	-	400.00	560.00
Salaries & Wages - Handyman	756.75	1,750.24	1,484.03	1,594.32
Payroll Taxes Expense	3,567.95	3,697.60	3,862.22	4,158.15
Automation System Maintenance	555.66	573.54	1,000.00	1,000.00
Books	4,271.35	3,606.88	4,200.00	4,400.00
Books - Juvenile	2,824.32	3,393.20	3,000.00	3,000.00
Media (DVD's, audio books etc.)	1,160.44	1,304.24	1,400.00	1,200.00
Subscriptions	506.35	484.80	500.00	500.00
Inter-Library Loan for Lost Books	22.00	-	50.00	50.00
Audio/Visual Co-ops	707.80	517.84	595.00	595.00
Prizes	49.89	97.43	175.00	175.00
Programs	1,428.76	1,408.16	1,000.00	1,200.00
Public Relations	157.70	90.00	75.00	75.00
Computer Expense	2,471.49	2,680.92	3,740.00	4,550.00
Copier Expense	82.98	120.53	200.00	200.00
Annual Cleaning Expense	-	495.00	550.00	600.00
Postage	1,009.94	882.56	1,000.00	700.00
Supplies	1,082.29	807.27	900.00	900.00
Custodial Supplies	494.01	520.22	600.00	600.00
Conf., Dues & Workshops	-	-	200.00	100.00
Equipment - New	559.10	589.90	600.00	600.00
Equipment - Repair/Maintenance	1,494.62	579.28	800.00	800.00
Building Repairs	1,525.55	524.34	2,500.00	2,500.00
Landscaping	-	-	-	500.00
Library - Demolition	9,629.50	-	-	-
Mileage	286.02	145.60	200.00	200.00
Insurance-Contents/Building	2,573.00	2,656.00	2,656.00	3,062.00
Health/Dental/Eye Insurance	11,594.08	10,639.92	10,639.92	11,989.92
Retirement	968.00	-	-	-
Telephone	500.34	572.57	500.00	500.00
Computer Telephone	1,679.88	1,679.88	1,680.00	1,680.00

General Fund – Department Budgets

LIBRARY	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Electric	3,170.45	2,922.40	3,000.00	3,000.00
Security	288.00	-	-	300.00
Fuel	1,529.40	1,978.75	2,500.00	2,500.00
Water	392.76	491.84	550.00	475.00
Septic	-	1,140.00	400.00	-
Misc. Expense	-	277.00	-	-
Grant Expense - Library	200.00	300.00	-	-
Grant Expense - ARPA	-	2,474.26	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>104,248.09</u>	<u>96,690.63</u>	<u>99,559.72</u>	<u>106,464.95</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (91,776.27)</u>	<u>\$ (94,198.85)</u>	<u>\$ (98,759.72)</u>	<u>\$ (105,664.95)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

6.99%

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2023: Includes 7.4% COLA increase for all positions. Handyman position (formally called Grounds) now based on 1.5 hours per week at \$20.69/hour.

Health/Dental/Eye Insurance 2023: Health insurance increased 13%.

Grant Income/Expense - ARPA 2022: Grant income received in 2021 but expended in 2022.



Left – Brian French, center – Lance Colby in the old pump house.

General Fund – Department Budgets

LISTERS	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
State of Vermont - Current Use	\$ 77,774.00	\$ 78,126.00	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 77,000.00
State of Vermont - PILOT	537.60	544.54	538.00	545.00
Transfer from Reappraisal Reserve Fund	38,306.33	26,800.00	30,000.00	16,015.00
Total Revenues	<u>116,617.93</u>	<u>105,470.54</u>	<u>107,538.00</u>	<u>93,560.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	47,792.01	53,215.17	54,103.27	58,106.50
Payroll Taxes Expense	3,656.04	4,070.95	4,138.90	4,445.15
Map Maintenance	2,700.00	4,310.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
User Assoc. Fees	50.00	50.00	160.00	160.00
CAMA/MICROSOLVE	661.25	458.54	480.00	460.00
Reappraisal Contract	25,320.00	10,550.00	14,485.00	4,035.00
Postage	350.00	308.97	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies	656.20	-	500.00	500.00
Mileage	156.80	114.84	350.00	350.00
Professional Fees	-	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Misc. Expense	-	-	100.00	100.00
Total Expenses	<u>81,342.30</u>	<u>73,078.47</u>	<u>88,817.17</u>	<u>82,656.65</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 35,275.63</u>	<u>\$ 32,392.07</u>	<u>\$ 18,720.83</u>	<u>\$ 10,903.35</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

-41.76%

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2023: Includes 7.4% COLA increase.

Transfer from Reappraisal Reserve Fund 2022/2023: All expenses related to the reappraisal (extra 15 hours per week, contract with VT Appraisal Co., postage, and supplies) are/will be covered by the transfer of funds from the Reappraisal Reserve Fund #53.

Professional Fees 2023: In anticipation of BCA hearing appraisals which will require VT Appraisal Co. to provide additional services, under separate contract.

General Fund – Department Budgets

LAKES (includes Milfoil)	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Grant Inc - State of VT (Previous Yr.)	\$ 20,930.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 33,860.00
Misc. Income - In-kind	22,102.50	11,546.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Misc. Income - Donations	6,000.00	6,550.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>49,032.50</u>	<u>18,096.00</u>	<u>38,000.00</u>	<u>54,860.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Boat Greeter	11,094.25	11,610.50	11,000.00	11,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	848.70	888.26	841.50	841.50
In-kind Expense	22,102.50	11,546.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Supplies	105.44	54.52	115.00	100.00
Gasoline/Oil	69.02	-	60.00	60.00
Contractual	7,185.00	9,170.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Equipment - Repair/Maintenance	1,240.20	1,205.41	200.00	4,000.00
Equipment - Storage	170.00	-	800.00	180.00
Insurance	920.00	974.00	974.00	1,028.00
Misc. Expense	127.20	55.80	150.00	150.00
Misc. Expense - TA Salary	1,750.00	1,849.75	1,849.75	1,850.00
Total Expenses	<u>45,612.31</u>	<u>37,354.24</u>	<u>40,990.25</u>	<u>44,209.50</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 3,420.19</u>	<u>\$ (19,258.24)</u>	<u>\$ (2,990.25)</u>	<u>\$ 10,650.50</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

-456.17%

Notes:

Grant Income - State of VT (Previous Yr.) 2022/2023: Grant Income from 2021 was never received in 2022, will be received in 2023.

Equipment - Repair/Maintenance 2023: Increased to replace motor on pontoon boat.

General Fund – Department Budgets

OTHER	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Grant Income - Hazardous Mitigation Plan	\$ 7,037.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc Income	2,618.88	-	-	-
Total Revenues	9,656.44	-	-	-
Expenses				
Board of Civil Authority	99.58	-	3,500.00	3,500.00
Elections	2,513.09	5,805.37	6,300.00	2,000.00
County Tax	54,518.71	55,276.53	55,000.00	52,843.67
Memorial Day/July 4th	334.64	991.80	2,000.00	2,000.00
Land Records Restoration	255.27	409.95	500.00	500.00
Fireworks	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Emergency Management	-	156.25	200.00	200.00
Total Expenses	57,721.29	68,639.90	73,500.00	61,043.67
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (48,064.85)	\$ (68,639.90)	\$ (73,500.00)	\$ (61,043.67)

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

-16.95%

Notes:

Board of Civil Authority 2022/2023: Since reappraisal did not happen in 2022 but is expected to happen in 2023, budgeting same amount for Board of Civil Authority members to be compensated for reappraisal tax appeal hearings. (Based on an estimated 42 appeals, based on avg. of past appraisals).

Fireworks: Removed in 2023 to help lower overall increase.

*Left to right:
Billy Pierson,
Ted Veitji,
Russ Smith, and
Lee Marsh*



General Fund – Department Budgets

POLICE	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Fines & Fees	\$ 269.00	\$ 1,866.31	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Misc Income	803.44	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>1,072.44</u>	<u>1,866.31</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	12,463.01	12,983.94	14,153.23	54,600.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	953.45	976.61	1,082.72	4,176.90
Subcontractors	15,155.00	29,170.00	48,300.00	300.00
Uniforms	-	-	150.00	1,500.00
Supplies/Forms	38.96	30.00	100.00	250.00
Training	-	-	100.00	1,000.00
Computer, Internet & Cyber Security	128.19	1,404.00	1,056.00	1,800.00
Equipment/Fees	1,108.06	746.69	676.00	750.00
Equipment Repair	607.27	-	100.00	100.00
Vehicle Expense	665.12	545.58	1,000.00	3,500.00
Insurance	2,899.00	3,644.00	3,644.00	4,364.00
Health/Dental/Eye Insurance	-	-	-	-
Dispatch PD	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	3,500.00
Animal Control	782.62	804.91	600.00	500.00
Total Expenses	<u>38,300.68</u>	<u>50,305.73</u>	<u>74,461.95</u>	<u>76,340.90</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (37,228.24)</u>	<u>\$ (48,439.42)</u>	<u>\$ (73,961.95)</u>	<u>\$ (75,840.90)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

2.54%

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2023: Budget is for 30 hours/week at \$35/hour for Police Chief. (Replacing Jason and 20/wk contract with Orange County Sheriff Dept.)

Equipment/Fees 2023: PD cell phone

General Fund – Department Budgets

RAILROAD STATION	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Grant Income	\$ 6,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Income - Park and Ride @ RR	-	-	12,000.00	12,000.00
Railroad Station Rent	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Other Income	-	380.88	380.88	-
Misc. Income - Donation	-	3,009.85	-	-
Transfer from RR Station Fund	-	-	1,282.12	-
Total Revenues	<u>11,450.00</u>	<u>8,590.73</u>	<u>18,863.00</u>	<u>17,200.00</u>
Expenses				
Insurance	1,291.00	1,288.00	1,288.00	1,484.00
Electric	1,037.09	643.16	600.00	600.00
Property Improvement/Maintenance	1,320.87	861.94	500.00	1,500.00
Water	342.00	458.00	475.00	475.00
Contracted Services	1,223.00	1,425.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grant Expense - Park and Ride @ RR	-	2,891.20	15,000.00	12,108.80
Transfer to RR Station Fund	-	1,023.43	-	32.20
Total Expenses	<u>5,213.96</u>	<u>8,590.73</u>	<u>18,863.00</u>	<u>17,200.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 6,236.04</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

0.00%

Notes:

Grant Income/Expense - Park and Ride @ RR Station 2022/2023: Grant received in 2022 for the construction of a bus shelter, work to be preformed in 2023.

General Fund – Department Budgets

RECREATION COUNCIL	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Swim Lesson Fees	\$ -	\$ 340.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00
Swim Lesson Fees - Non-Resident	-	-	800.00	-
Beach Pass - Resident	517.50	2,867.50	1,000.00	2,500.00
Beach Pass - Non-Resident	-	-	-	-
Beach Pass - Day	-	-	-	-
Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Misc. Income	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>517.50</u>	<u>3,207.50</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,850.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Beach Staff	7,765.50	7,000.52	8,000.00	8,000.00
Salaries & Wages - Beach Manager	-	5,040.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Salaries & Wages - Beach Maintenance	1,881.00	1,122.80	2,000.00	2,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	737.93	1,007.04	1,071.00	1,071.00
Red Cross	-	677.95	1,500.00	1,000.00
Beach - Operations/Maintenance	2,004.12	4,771.45	1,800.00	3,000.00
Beach - Buildings/Grounds	100.00	109.51	2,000.00	2,000.00
Special Activities	837.71	1,466.92	1,250.00	810.00
Winter Activities	200.00	-	525.00	1,725.00
Advertising	160.89	348.76	200.00	350.00
Equipment - New	754.72	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	1,104.00	984.00	984.00	999.00
Telephone	487.56	558.88	450.00	500.00
Computer, Internet & Cyber Security	-	103.00	-	552.00
Electric	283.55	311.42	300.00	300.00
Water	432.00	1,361.78	700.00	100.00
Misc. Expense	-	277.20	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>16,748.98</u>	<u>25,141.23</u>	<u>25,780.00</u>	<u>27,407.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (16,231.48)</u>	<u>\$ (21,933.73)</u>	<u>\$ (23,480.00)</u>	<u>\$ (24,557.00)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

4.59%

Notes:

Winter Activities 2023: Increased Winter Activities and decreased Special Activities to better match plans for 2023 (overall increase due to increased cost in planned activities).

Computer , Internet & Cyber Security 2023: New line item added to account for new charges being assessed to each department with an email address.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TOWN HALL & PARKS	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Town Common Rent	\$ 350.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Town Hall Rent	114.00	600.00	-	400.00
Vendor Permit Fees	240.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Grant Income - Comm. Arts	14,866.00	14,545.00	14,866.40	-
Misc. Income - Donation	15,000.00	3,440.00	-	3,000.00
Misc. Income	7,066.19	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>37,636.19</u>	<u>19,335.00</u>	<u>15,066.40</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	8,560.67	9,861.94	12,331.17	13,245.96
Payroll Taxes Expense	654.90	737.00	943.33	1,013.32
Parks	2,126.18	1,251.42	6,000.00	6,000.00
Grant Expense	29,905.29	-	-	-
Custodial Supplies	966.66	773.42	1,000.00	750.00
Equipment - New	944.96	3,507.54	3,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment - Repair	39.47	1,075.85	250.00	250.00
Building Repairs, Maint. & Improv.	13,706.91	7,525.16	12,000.00	15,000.00
Insurance	5,895.00	6,015.00	6,015.00	6,977.00
Electric	13,003.73	16,426.09	12,000.00	15,000.00
Heating Fuel/Propane	635.72	636.10	2,000.00	1,000.00
Rubbish Removal	375.00	575.00	400.00	500.00
Water	681.63	1,418.30	950.00	950.00
Septic Pumping	415.00	-	-	450.00
Contracted Services	16,592.53	23,735.96	17,125.00	17,125.00
Total Expenses	<u>94,503.65</u>	<u>73,538.78</u>	<u>74,014.50</u>	<u>81,261.28</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (56,867.46)</u>	<u>\$ (54,203.78)</u>	<u>\$ (58,948.10)</u>	<u>\$ (77,261.28)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

31.07%

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2023: Includes 7.4% COLA increase.

Parks 2023: Repairing floor joists, floor, and benches in Bandstand, planting of flowers, port-a-potty rental for 3 months, extra yard work.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TRASH & RECYCLING	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Dump Pass	\$ 517.50	\$ 2,867.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Scrap Metal	4,299.12	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Aluminum	111.75	204.70	100.00	100.00
Grant Income - Green Up	84.00	84.00	200.00	200.00
Total Revenues	<u>5,012.37</u>	<u>3,156.20</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>	<u>4,300.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	2,943.00	3,482.52	2,968.06	3,188.64
Payroll Taxes Expense	225.13	266.40	227.06	243.93
Recycling	15,996.00	14,663.00	15,996.00	15,996.00
Facility Maintenance	648.18	342.39	1,000.00	1,000.00
Metal Dump	440.00	100.00	-	-
Brush Dump	4,500.00	-	5,000.00	6,000.00
Membership Fee - CVSWD	980.00	988.00	980.00	980.00
Composting	1,569.00	1,777.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Green-Up Expense	99.37	104.39	200.00	200.00
Insurance	796.00	836.00	836.00	805.00
Contracted Services	1,200.00	1,605.00	1,440.00	1,800.00
Total Expenses	<u>29,396.68</u>	<u>24,164.70</u>	<u>30,247.12</u>	<u>31,813.57</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (24,384.31)</u>	<u>\$ (21,008.50)</u>	<u>\$ (27,447.12)</u>	<u>\$ (27,513.57)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

0.24%

Notes:

Scrap Metal Income 2022: Income for 2022 in the amount of \$1,500 was received in 2021.

Salaries & Wages 2023: Includes 7.4% COLA increase for 2023.

Brush Dump 2022/2023: Not able to be done in 2022 due to time constraints, will be done in 2023 with an increase.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TRI-TOWN COMMISSION (Fairlee's 34%)	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenses				
Stipend - Maint.	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
Stipend - Treasurer	136.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
VLCT Dues	646.00	339.15	340.00	340.00
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	420.58	448.46	425.00	425.00
State of VT Fee	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00
Assoc. of State Dam Safety Officers	-	-	18.70	18.70
Legal Fees	-	-	-	340.00
Dam Maint. (Signs & Buoys)	<u>-</u>	<u>229.02</u>	<u>1,530.00</u>	<u>680.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,440.58</u>	<u>1,424.63</u>	<u>2,721.70</u>	<u>2,211.70</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (1,440.58)</u>	<u>\$ (1,424.63)</u>	<u>\$ (2,721.70)</u>	<u>\$ (2,211.70)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

-18.74%

Notes:

Legal Fees: Added in 2023 to have Articles of Agreement updated.

Dam Maint. (Signs & Buoys): Buoys were purchased in 2022 to be installed in 2023.

General Fund – Department Budgets

ZONING	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
ZA Permit Fees	\$ 5,844.50	\$ 3,896.80	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Grant Income - Planning Grant	5,733.00	2,457.00	2,457.00	8,000.00
Grant Income - Municipal Planning	-	-	-	30,000.00
Grant Income - BC Health	-	-	-	-
Grant Income - Better Connections	11,545.66	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>23,123.16</u>	<u>6,353.80</u>	<u>5,457.00</u>	<u>41,500.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Planner/ZA/Health	36,614.33	38,703.61	38,700.15	41,574.00
Salaries & Wages - E911 Coordinator	250.00	250.00	250.00	500.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	2,820.20	2,979.78	2,979.69	3,218.66
Regional Energy Coordinator	2,350.00	-	-	-
ESRI Software Update	300.00	300.00	800.00	800.00
Regional Planning Commission	1,495.00	1,561.00	1,561.00	1,610.00
Green Mtn Economic Development	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
VCDA Membership Dues	-	-	50.00	-
VT Council on Rural Development Fees	-	-	150.00	150.00
Grant Expense - Planning Grant	5,272.94	2,827.06	3,827.06	10,000.00
Grant Expense - Municipal Planning	-	-	-	37,500.00
Grant Expense - Better Connections	12,502.46	-	-	-
Better Connections Non-reimbursable Exp.	385.00	-	-	-
Postage	-	25.44	-	300.00
Advertising	651.85	-	500.00	500.00
Supplies	-	37.25	250.00	250.00
Equipment	-	-	200.00	100.00
Training/Mileage	209.64	356.18	500.00	400.00
Professional Fees	-	-	-	1,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>63,851.42</u>	<u>48,040.32</u>	<u>50,767.90</u>	<u>98,902.66</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (40,728.26)</u>	<u>\$ (41,686.52)</u>	<u>\$ (45,310.90)</u>	<u>\$ (57,402.66)</u>

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

26.69%

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2023: Includes 7.4% COLA increase.

Water Fund – For information only

WATER	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Annual Water Rent	\$ 93,538.85	\$ 195,779.67	\$ 146,513.70	\$ 188,962.97
Metered Water Rent	20,694.16	-	20,139.55	-
Seasonal Water Rent	13,570.37	-	18,604.56	-
Late Fees	-	-	500.00	500.00
Water Hookup Fees	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	3,000.00
Misc. Income	-	2,034.79	-	-
State of VT Loan - Asset Mgmt. Program	13,592.82	-	15,307.18	15,307.18
State of VT Loan - Village Septic PER	-	-	76,000.00	76,000.00
Interest Income	1,412.57	1,593.03	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Portion of Loan Payment	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.00
USDA Grant Proceeds	1,078,371.19	82,425.04	82,425.04	-
Total Revenues	1,229,472.76	288,625.33	368,782.83	291,562.15
Less Town Portion of Loan Payment	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80
Less Water Users Portion of Loan Payment	60,921.20	60,921.20	60,921.20	60,921.20
Total Revenues for Operating	1,161,758.76	220,911.33	301,068.83	223,848.15
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Operations	12,921.83	15,485.00	12,660.00	27,307.80
Salaries & Wages - Accounting	1,960.17	2,098.54	10,400.00	13,405.60
Payroll Taxes Expense	1,130.07	1,335.86	1,764.09	3,114.58
Advertising	28.60	37.00	150.00	150.00
Computer, Internet & Cyber Security	-	2,720.54	240.00	1,487.00
Dues and Subscriptions	275.00	285.00	275.00	285.00
Insurance	3,599.00	2,796.00	2,796.00	3,034.00
Mileage/Travel Reimb	561.99	598.67	750.00	500.00
Office Supplies	66.50	124.89	500.00	500.00
Postage	315.54	489.85	500.00	500.00
Professional Fees	-	-	7,000.00	3,000.00
Professional Fees - Asset Mgmt. Program	17,641.82	1,835.50	6,982.18	5,146.68
Professional Fees - Village Septic PER	1,916.20	14,854.65	76,000.00	61,145.35
Professional Fees - USDA	608,954.99	89,035.17	70,774.41	-
Pump House Repairs & Maintenance	19,277.37	21,268.04	15,000.00	19,000.00
Filtration System Repairs & Maintenance	2,889.04	14,751.54	1,000.00	3,000.00
Reservoir Tank Repairs & Maintenance	-	311.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water Lines Repair & Maintenance	14,635.69	9,334.01	17,000.00	17,000.00
Meters Repair & Maintenance	978.12	9,349.75	1,000.00	4,000.00
Services Work Exp (Rebill)	-	457.00	-	-
Special Projects	13,804.05	904.50	11,000.00	11,000.00
Gate Valve/Hydrants	1,214.82	753.65	5,000.00	5,000.00
State of Vermont	924.57	1,516.05	1,000.00	1,500.00
Telephone	1,904.09	2,026.26	2,500.00	1,700.00
Training	48.00	555.00	200.00	200.00
Treasurer/TA Salary	4,982.00	5,425.00	5,425.00	5,897.00
Testing Water	1,355.00	1,470.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Electric	16,120.56	6,138.43	12,000.00	8,000.00
Propane	2,904.84	1,212.82	3,000.00	2,000.00

Water Fund – For information only

WATER	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Other Expenses	1,101.00	704.50	-	-
Other Expense - Rebill	-	4,600.03	-	-
Water Bond Payment - USDA	67,714.00	67,714.00	67,714.00	67,714.00
Total Expenses	799,224.86	280,188.25	339,630.68	272,587.01
Less Water Bond Payment	67,714.00	67,714.00	67,714.00	67,714.00
Total Operating Expenses	731,510.86	212,474.25	271,916.68	204,873.01
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 430,247.90	\$ 8,437.08	\$ 29,152.15	\$ 18,975.14

Percentage of increase/(decrease) over last year's budget

-34.91%

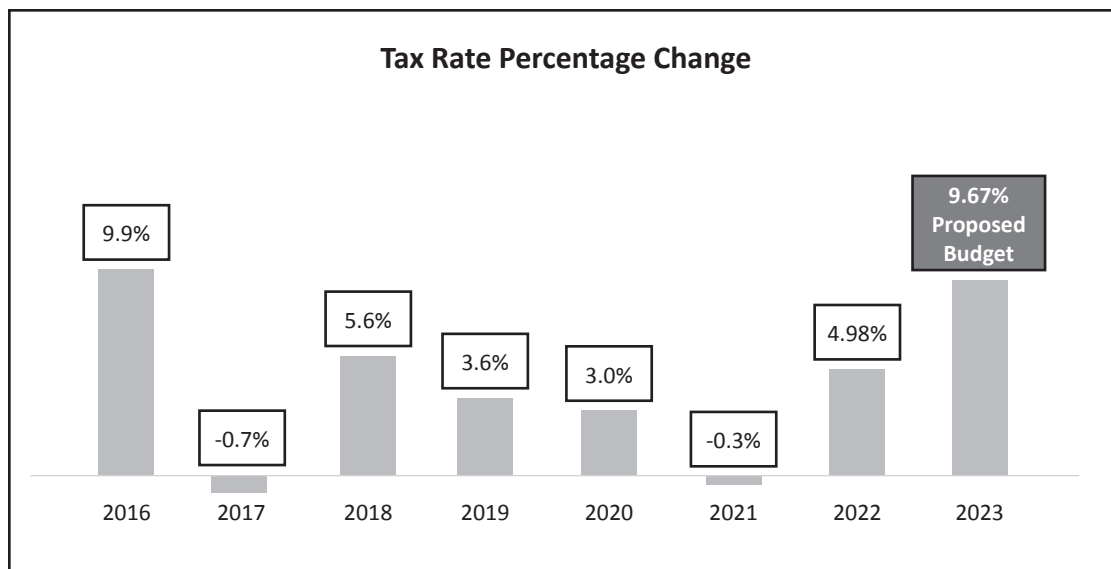
Notes:

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Water Rents 2023: Includes a 2% increase.

Salaries & Wages 2023: Includes 7.4% COLA increase.

Professional Fees - Village Septic PER 2022/2023: Loan forgiveness program received from the State of Vermont to do a preliminary engineer report (PER) on a village septic system concept.



Capital Budget

Town Buildings and Lands Reserve

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 201,573	\$ 209,455	\$ 195,530
RECEIPTS:			
Annual Appropriation	35,000	32,000	40,000
Debt Service Appropriation	56,573	56,573	56,573
Interest Income	496	440	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>293,642</u>	<u>298,468</u>	<u>292,103</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Town Hall windows	2,000	6,037	-
Town Hall - generator	-	32,663	-
Transfer Station improvements	15,825	3,625	-
Facility painting	-	-	22,000
IT Server	-	-	13,000
EMS facility	9,789	-	-
Library - parking lot	-	2,590	-
Library - HVAC	-	-	56,250
Vault expansion	-	-	5,000
Village enhancement	-	1,450	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>27,614</u>	<u>46,365</u>	<u>96,250</u>
Debt - Town Hall	<u>56,573</u>	<u>56,573</u>	<u>56,573</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	<u>84,187</u>	<u>102,938</u>	<u>152,823</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 209,455</u>	<u>\$ 195,530</u>	<u>\$ 139,280</u>

Notes:

Facility painting: Begin painting of the Town Hall.

IT Server: Replacement of IT Server in Town Hall for all offices.

Library - HVAC: Update and replacement of old furnace system in Library building.

Vault expansion: Engineering design planned for 2023 in order to begin construction in 2024.

Emergency Equipment Reserve

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 149,929	\$ 168,337	\$ 188,755
RECEIPTS:			
Annual Appropriation	18,000	20,000	20,000
Grant Income	-	-	15,000
Interest Income	408	418	-
Additional funding	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>168,337</u>	<u>188,755</u>	<u>223,755</u>

Capital Budget

DISBURSEMENTS:			
Engine purchase - down payment	-	-	150,000
Wilderness Response equipment	-	-	30,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	-	180,000
Debt - Emergency Equipment	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	-	-	180,000
 RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	 \$ 168,337	 \$ 188,755	 \$ 43,755

Notes:

Engine purchase - down payment: Anticipated purchase of new fire truck.

Wilderness Response equipment: Fire Department and FAST Squad would like to begin adding equipment for Wilderness Response (i.e. town forest and lake). First major equipment to be purchased would be an UTV (or something equivalent) to be able to respond to emergencies in the woods, along with a trailer to house all equipment needed for wilderness responses.

Town Highway Reserve

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 179,617	\$ 13,807	\$ 164,220
RECEIPTS:			
Annual Appropriation	90,000	130,000	130,000
Grant	-	134,964	251,275
Vtrans - Supplemental	2,322	2,322	-
ARPA Funds	-	-	40,000
Interest Income	263	341	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	272,202	281,434	585,495
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Lake Morey Road	168,705	105,664	100,000
General Paving	64,176	-	95,000
Culverts/bridges/structures	25,514	-	23,000
Stormwater Mitigation	-	-	176,000
Sidewalk/Crosswalk	-	11,550	113,794
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	258,395	117,214	507,794
Debt - Highway	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	258,395	117,214	507,794
 RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	 \$ 13,807	 \$ 164,220	 \$ 77,701

Notes:

Grant - VTrans 2023: Includes grant for Stormwater Mitigation (\$136,000), Sidewalk/Crosswalk (\$100,275) and assumed grant money for general road maintenance (\$15,000).

ARPA Funds: \$40,000 of ARPA funds will be used as matching funds for Stormwater Mitigation grant.

Lake Morey Road: Continue working on Lake Morey Road.

General paving: Based on paving schedule - Mallary Road.

Capital Budget

Lake Reserve

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 31,655	\$ 21,837	\$ 30,396
RECEIPTS:			
Annual Appropriation	7,000	7,500	7,500
Debt Service Appropriation	21,000	21,000	21,000
Grant - VDEC	-	-	5,000
Donations	17,167	-	-
Interest Income	51	50	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>76,873</u>	<u>50,387</u>	<u>63,896</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Lake Morey Treatment	34,650	-	20,000
Town Forest Trails and Parking	-	-	10,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>34,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Debt - Lake Fairlee Dam	20,386	19,991	21,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	<u>55,036</u>	<u>19,991</u>	<u>51,000</u>
 RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	 <u>\$ 21,837</u>	 <u>\$ 30,396</u>	 <u>\$ 12,896</u>

Notes:

Grant - VDEC: Anticipated grant for town forest trails and parking.

TOTAL ALL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS,

31 DECEMBER \$ 413,436 \$ 578,901 \$ 273,632

Please Note: The detail above is based on the 10-year plan beginning in 2020, which can be viewed in its entirety on the website or by picking up a hardcopy at the Town offices.

Town of Fairlee

Combined Statement of Assets, Liability and Fund Balances

	December 31,	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
General Fund Checking - Merchants	\$ 8,882.05	\$ 13,901.00
General Fund Checking - Union Bank	2,594,400.37	2,616,797.05
USDA Water Checking - Union Bank	-	82,434.19
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Due to/From	<u>(1,423,512.06)</u>	<u>(1,716,214.74)</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,179,820.36</u>	<u>996,967.50</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,179,820.36</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 996,967.50</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current Liabilities		
Due to School	\$ 606,409.22	\$ 634,796.00
Due to State for School	242,098.56 *	70,628.00
Prepaid Property Taxes	1,174.10	1,099.18
Security Deposits	400.00	400.00
Payroll Taxes Payable	-	(267.75)
457(b) Empower	-	1,786.97
State License Fee - Marriage	-	50.00
Health Insurance Payable	<u>447.20</u>	<u>(953.44)</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>850,529.08</u>	<u>707,538.96</u>
Fund Balances		
Fund Balances - Prior Years	183,623.87	329,291.28
Fund Balances - Current Year	<u>145,667.41</u> *	<u>(39,862.74)</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>329,291.28</u>	<u>289,428.54</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u><u>\$ 1,179,820.36</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 996,967.50</u></u>

2021 numbers changed due to adjustments being made after the true-up was completed by the State of Vermont in March, 2022. No professional audit was completed for the calendar year 2021 due to losing our auditor. * indicates numbers changed from last year's Town Report.

Fairlee Water Department

Combined Statement of Assets, Liability and Fund Balances

	<u>2021</u>	December 31,	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Due from Town	\$ 498,970.00		\$ 508,682.73
Total Current Assets	<u>498,970.00</u>		<u>508,682.73</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 498,970.00</u>		 <u>\$ 508,682.73</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Current Liabilities			
Prepaid Water Rent	\$ 1,992.41		\$ 3,268.06
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,992.41</u>		<u>3,268.06</u>
 Fund Balances			
Fund Balance - Prior Years	66,729.69		8,437.08
Fund Balance - Current Year	<u>430,247.90</u>		<u>496,977.59</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>496,977.59</u>		<u>505,414.67</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 498,970.00</u>		 <u>\$ 508,682.73</u>



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Town Meeting 2023 will be in-person.

We will have **NO** Australian Ballot voting.

Town Meeting will be on
Tuesday, March 7th
starting at 10am
in the Auditorium of the Town Hall

You must be present to vote.

Please bring this report to town meeting.